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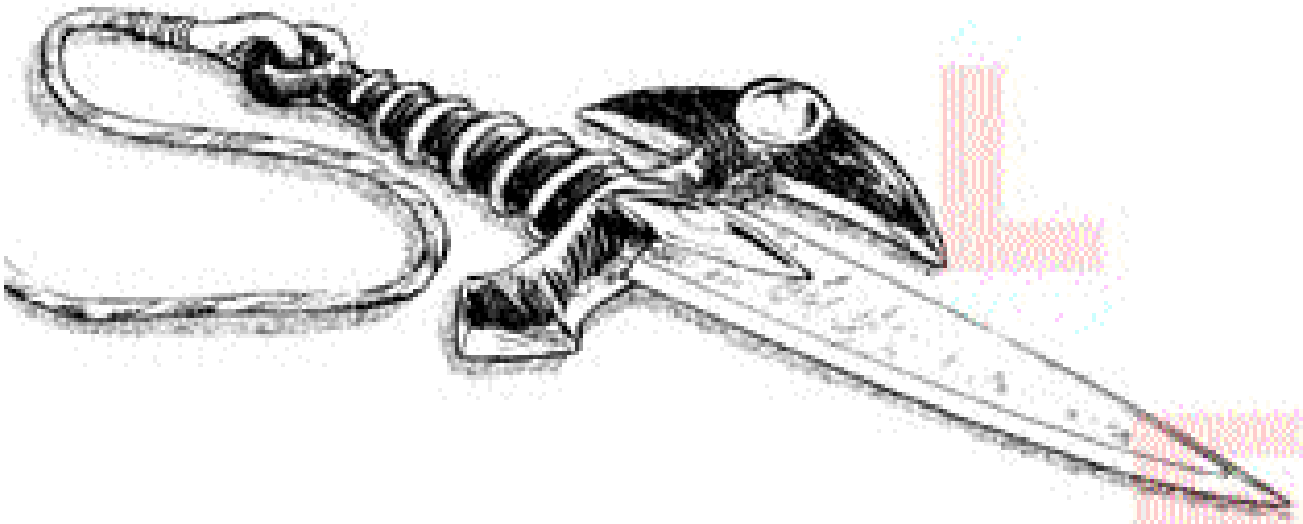
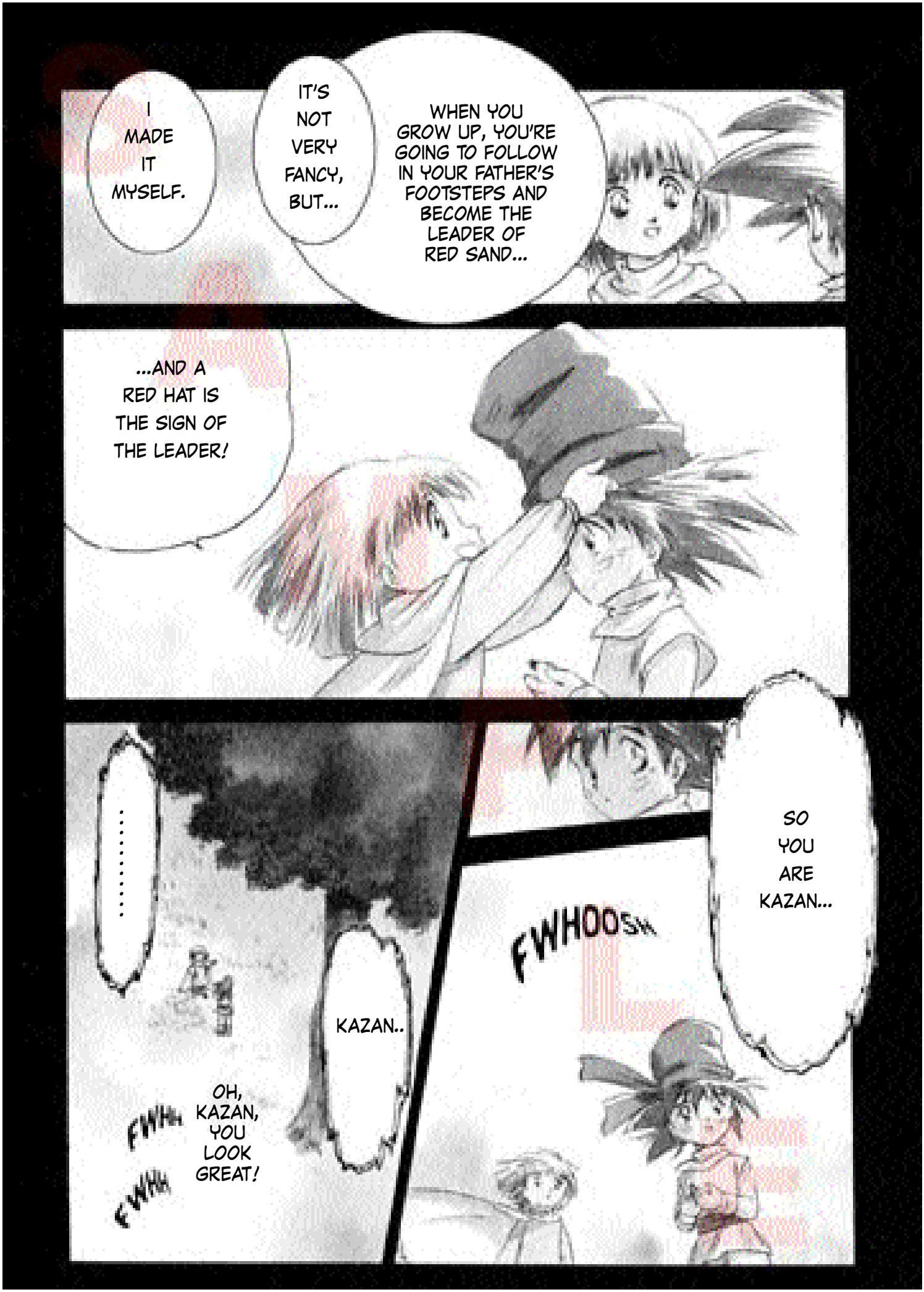
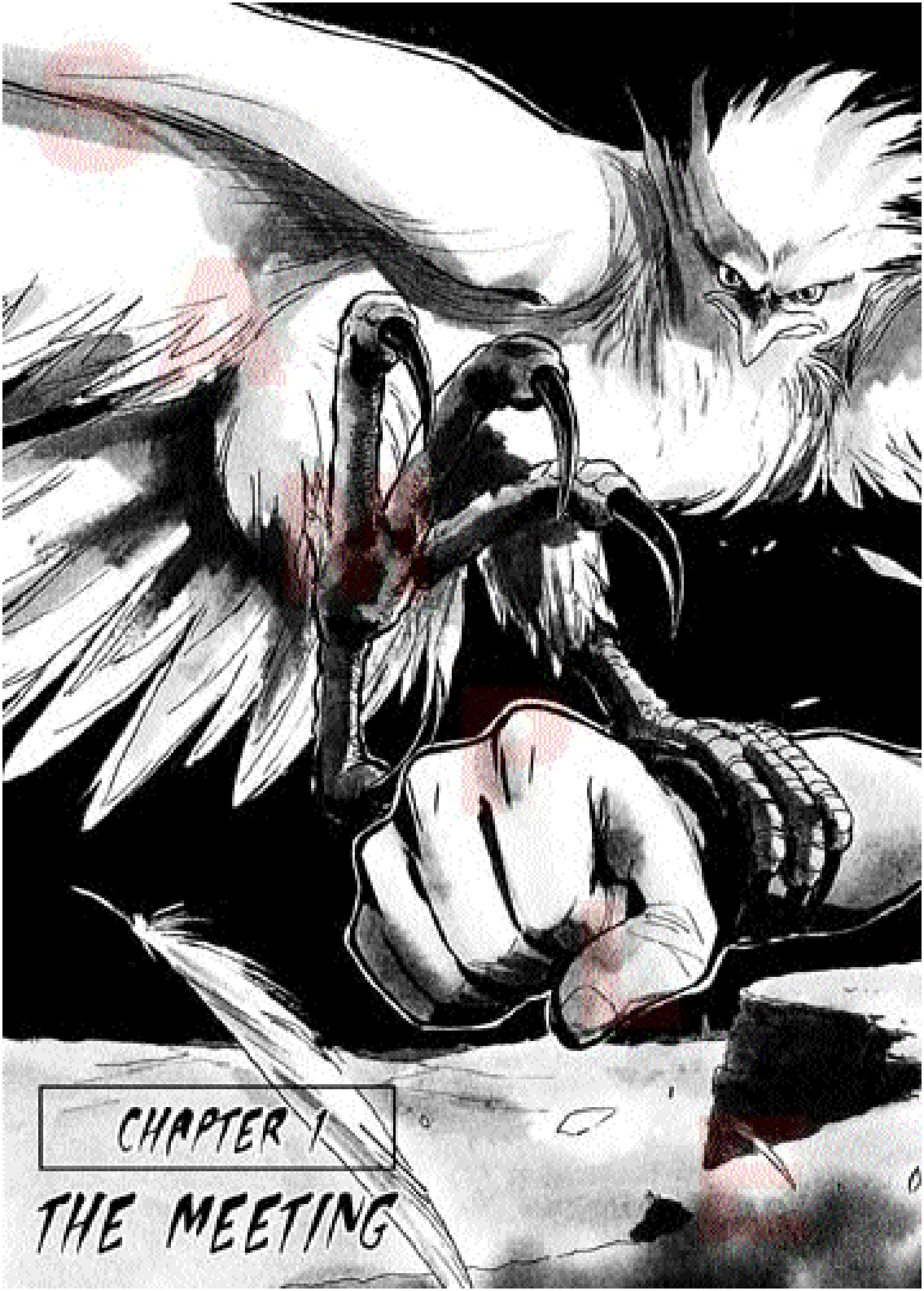


KAZAN!
KAZAN!
HUFF HF
HUFF HF
KAZAN, LOOK!
ELSIE - WHAT'S WRONG?
SEE?

LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST BORN.
PI
PI
HMM... I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS KIND BEFORE.
IT HAS RED FEATHERS ONLY ON ITS HEAD.
UM... KAZAN ?
UM...
HERE!
HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY!
ELSIE...


I MADE IT MYSELF.
IT'S NOT VERY FANCY, BUT...
WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECOME THE LEADER OF RED SAND...
...AND A RED HAT IS THE SIGN OF THE LEADER!
.....
KAZAN..
OH, KAZAN, YOU LOOK GREAT!
FWHH
FWHH
FWHOOSH
SO YOU ARE KAZAN...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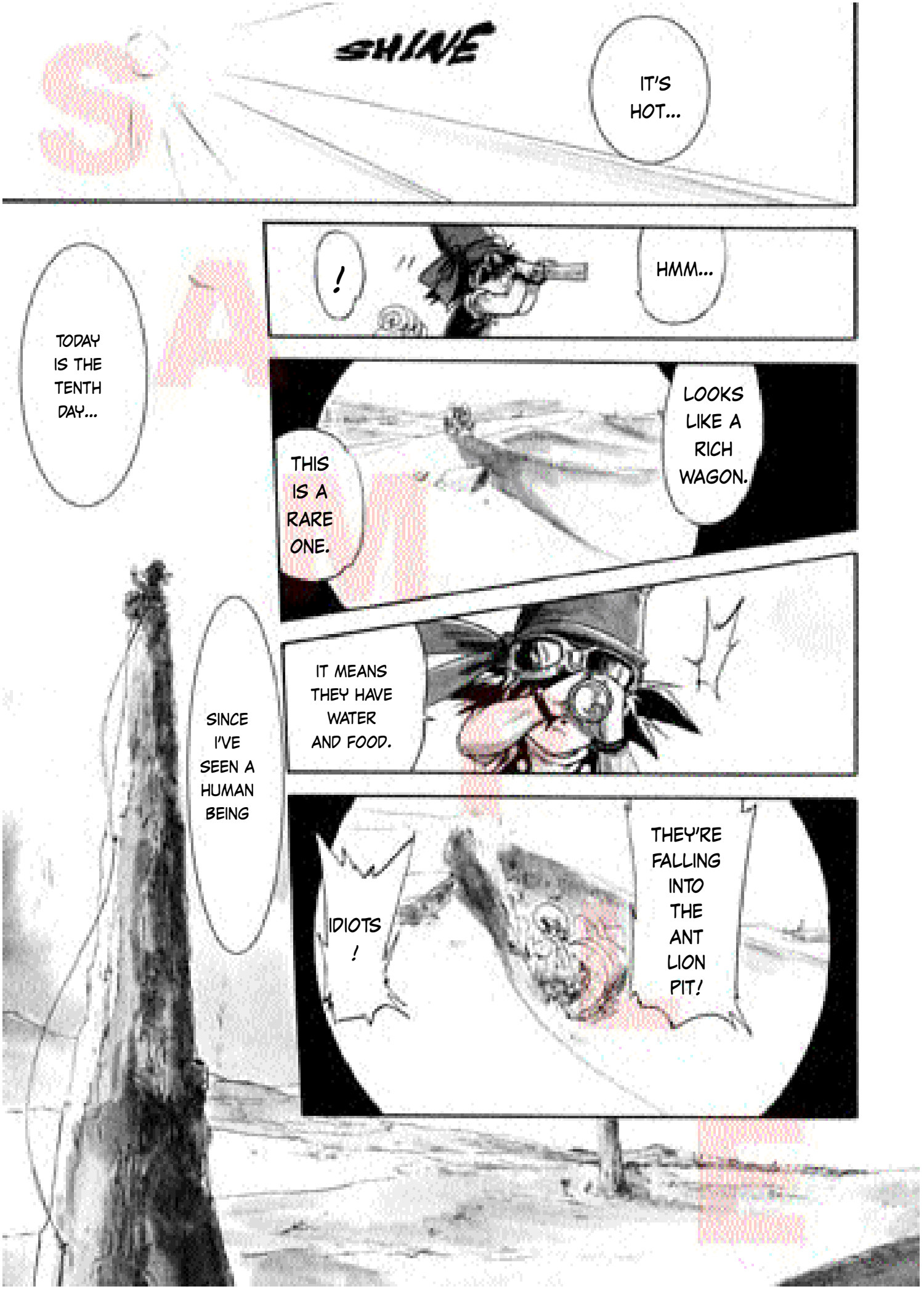
THE MEETING


SHINE
IT'S HOT...
!
HMM...
TODAY IS THE TENTH DAY...
LOOKS LIKE A RICH WAGON.
THIS IS A RARE ONE.
IT MEANS THEY HAVE WATER AND FOOD.
SINCE I'VE SEEN A HUMAN BEING
THEY'RE FALLING INTO THE ANT LION PIT!
IDIOTS !

KAMUSHIN!
JUMP!
ZAZAZAZA

UNCLE!
COME ON, GET UP! HURRY!
ZU ZU ZU ZU ZU
SHOOK
OH, WELL..
SO MUCH FOR THE HORSE'S LOAD...
HEY.
YOU... HELP US!
HURRY!
ZU ZU ZU ZU

WELL...
CAN YOU GUYS HELP ME OUT WITH SOME WATER?
MERCENARY!
IDIOT!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
BRAT!
SWOOP
OH!

POW!
I AM NOT A BRAT!
MY NAME IS KAZAN!
KAMUSHIN!

SEE YA!
flap flap flap
WAIT!
IF IT'S WATER YOU WANT...
NO, DON'T!
YOU MUSTN'T TELL HIM...
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
GRAB ON!
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE

LUG
LUG
LUG
BROTHER
TOO BAD ABOUT THE WAGON.
SIR
SIR
WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPAY YOU.
OH, YOU DON'T NEED TO THANK ME, OLD MAN.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
PAT
PAT

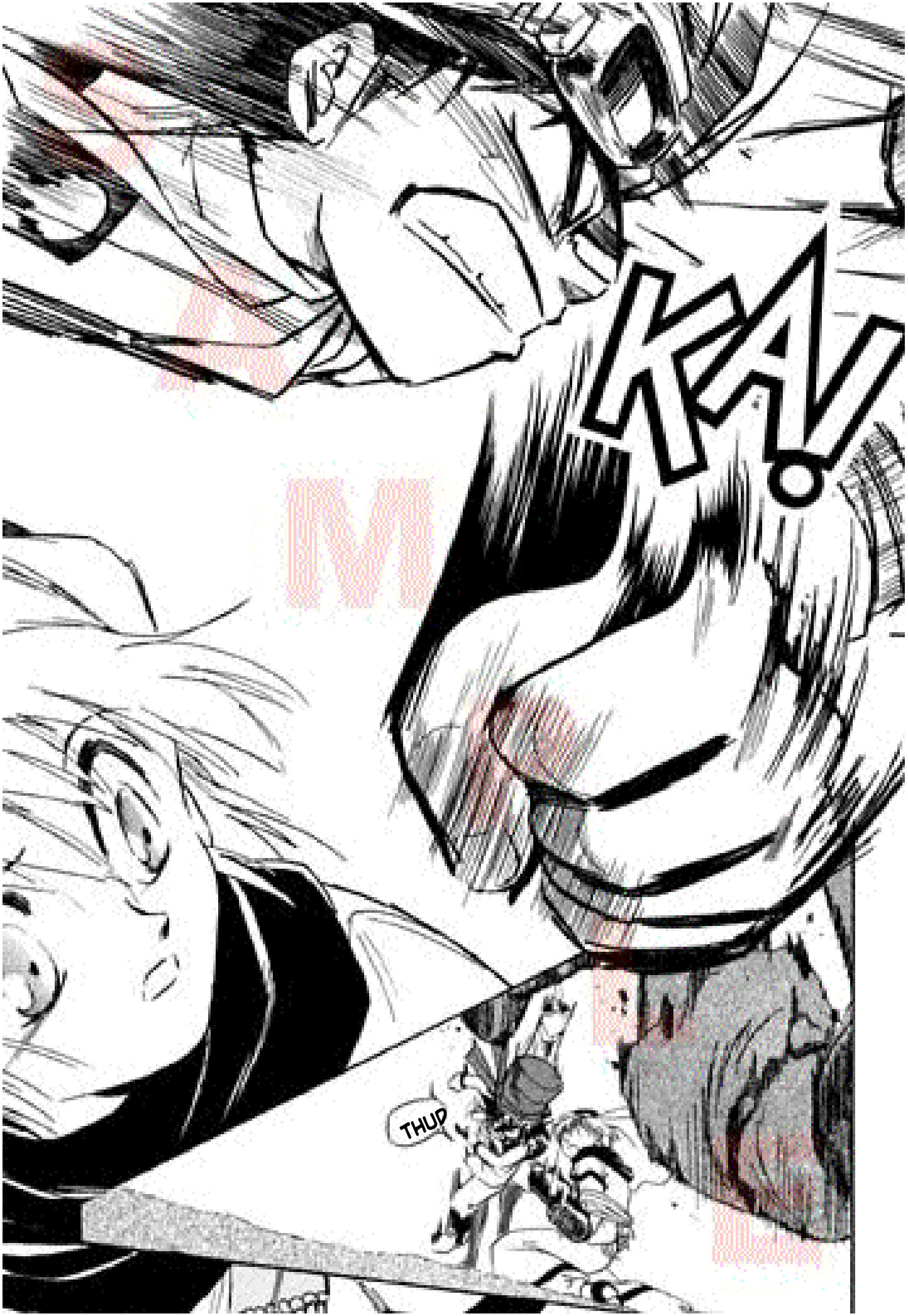
WHAT THE..?
THIS LITTLE ONE...
...IS THANKS ENOUGH!

FLOP
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'RE A WOMAN!
FAWNA ...
ZA ZA ZA ZA
DEAR GIRL ...
UNCLE!
UNCLE!

WOMAN? SHE'S JUST A GIRL . . . AND YOUNG, TOO!
IDIOT!
SHE'S THE PERFECT AGE TO BE SOLD!
SKREEE
FAWNA, EH? THAT'S A PRETTY NAME...

PHWAM!
SO...
YOU DEAL IN SLAVES.
Y-U U.U U U U U U U

YOU'RE BOTH SLAVE TRADERS.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
WHO ARE YOU?
YUUUUUUUUUU
HATE TO SAY IT, BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO AFFORD HER ON A LITTLE BOY'S POCKET MONEY!
YOU WANT TO BUY THIS LITTLE FAWNA GIRL?
HMMPH. WHAT OF IT?

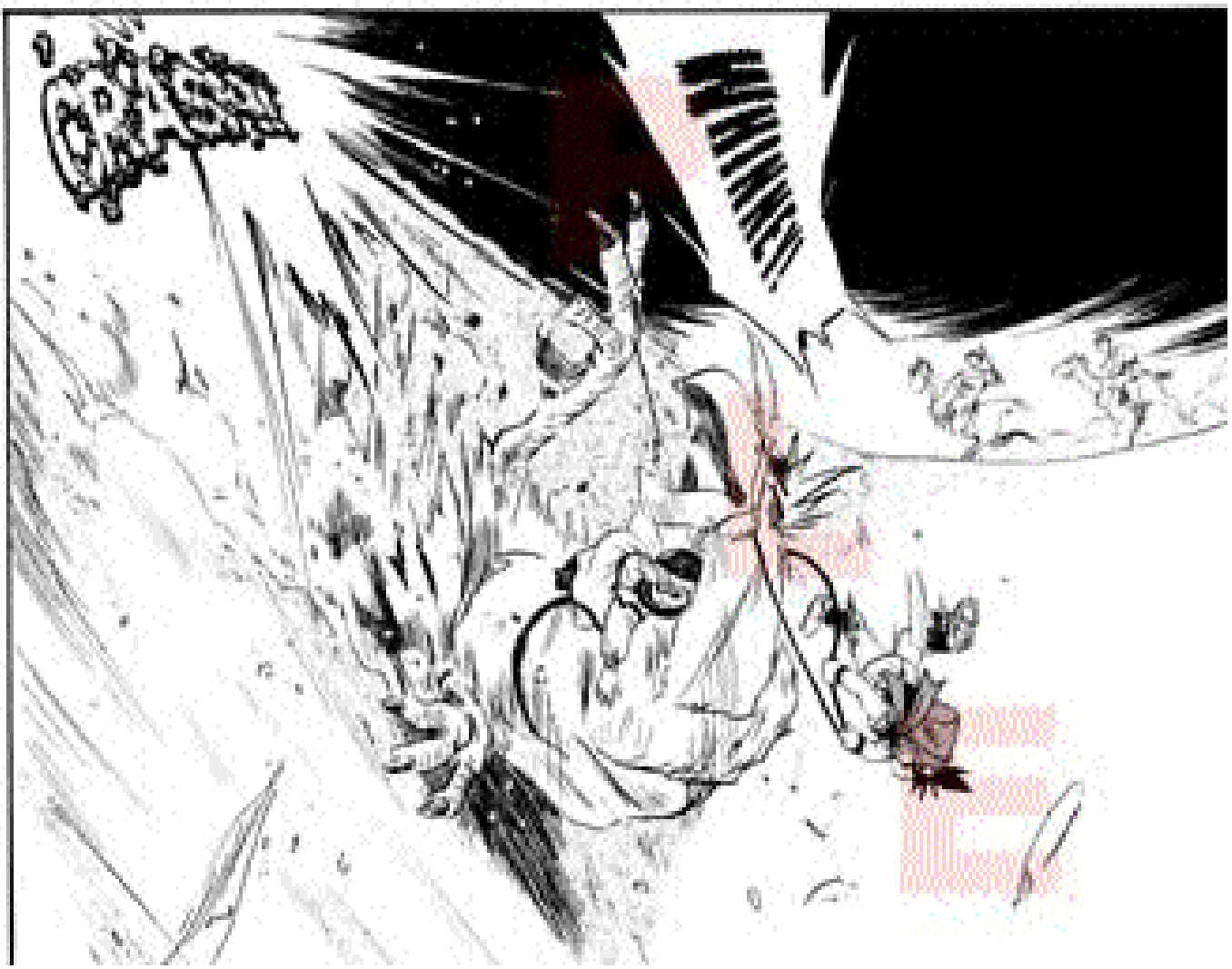

KA!
THUD

POW!
BROTHER!
UH OH!
WHIP!
WHY, YOU...
GALOP!
GALOP!

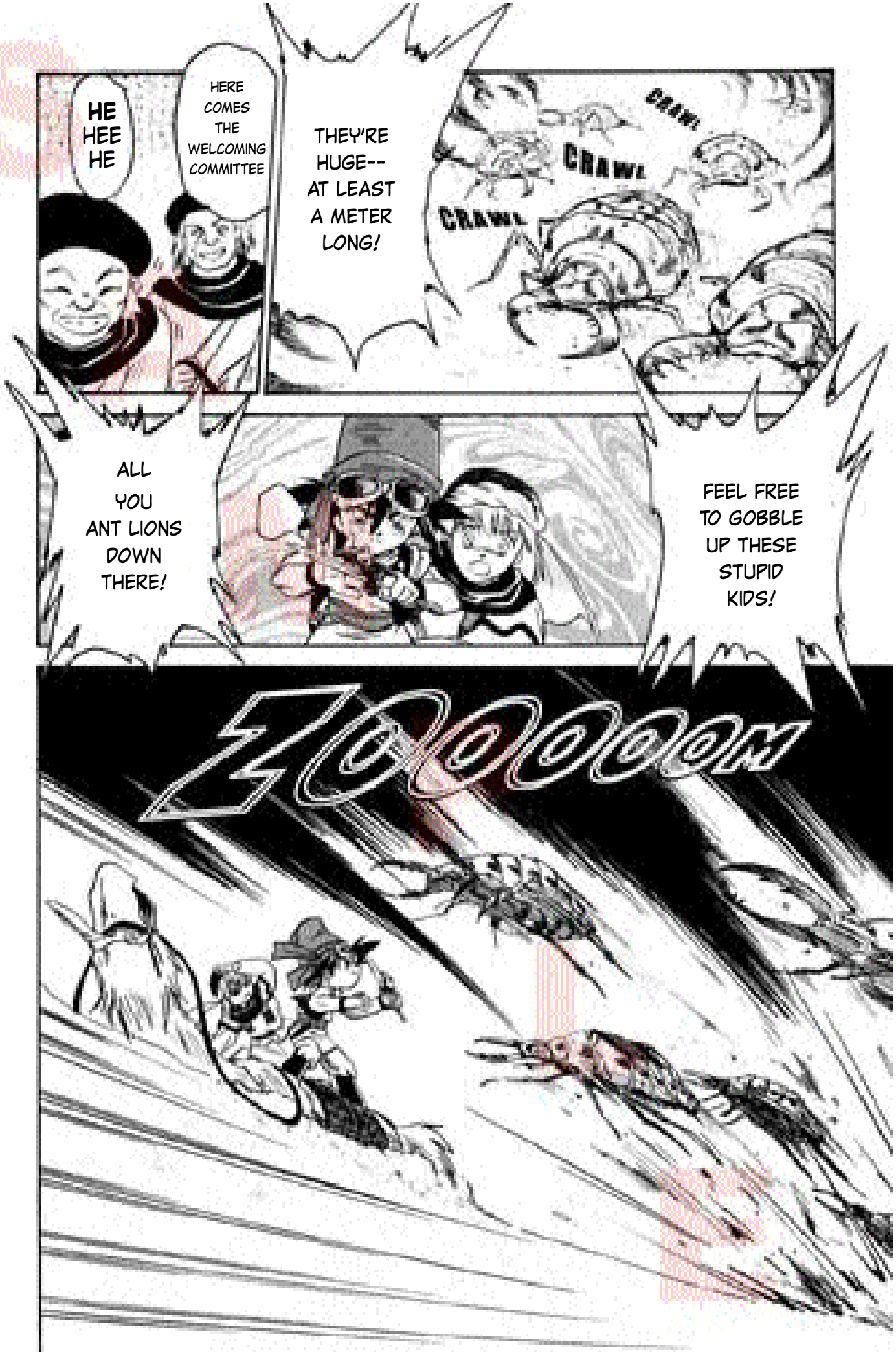
GALLOP!
GALLOP!
GALLOP!
GRAB THE REINS!
GRAB
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!
GALLOP!
GALLOP!
GALLOP!
sprinkle
sprinkle

WHAT IS THAT ?

OH!


CRASH!

HEE, HEE !
THEY FELL RIGHT IN !
YOU !
YOU'RE LOUSY AT THIS !
SASASASASASA
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
CRAWL
CRAWL


HE HEE HE
HERE COMES THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE
THEY'RE HUGE-- AT LEAST A METER LONG!
CRAWL
CRAWL
CRAWL
ALL YOU ANT LIONS DOWN THERE!
FEEL FREE TO GOBBLE UP THESE STUPID KIDS!
ZOOOM

AAAAHHH!
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
WHIP!
YOU'RE THE STUPID ONES!
KAMUSHIN!

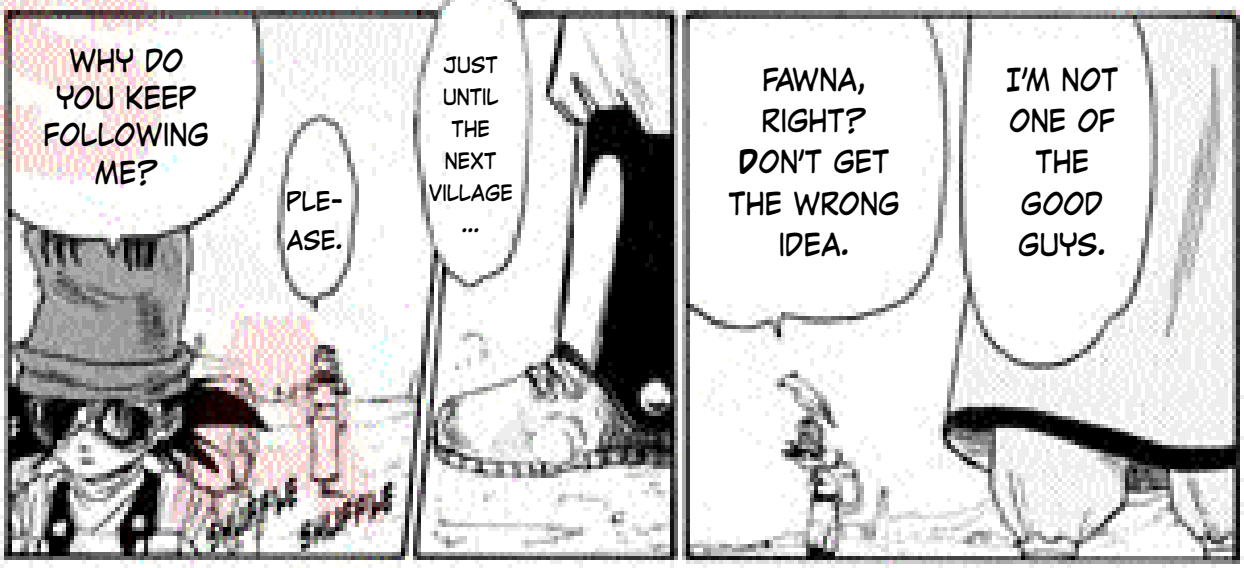
CHOMP
HUH ?
YUUUUUU

PULL
PULL
PULL
PULL
GAAA!!
GAAAAAH!!!
STOP! IT HURTS!
PLEASE, TAKE IT OUT!

UH
OH!
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
WHY DID THEY ATTACK MY MEN?
I JUST ADDED SOME SUGAR. IT'S A FAVORITE OF ANT LIONS.
IF YOU DON'T GET THAT TREATED SOON, YOU MIGHT DIE.
YOU
WHAT KIND OF KID ARE YOU?
YOU'RE NO ORDINARY LITTLE BOY!
PUSH!

OOOOH!
MY NAME IS KAZAN,
AND I'M NOT A LITTLE BOY.

MARCH
MARCH
MARCH


WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME?
PLE-ASE.
SNUFFLE SNUFFLE
JUST UNTIL THE NEXT VILLAGE ...
FAWNA, RIGHT? DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
I'M NOT ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.

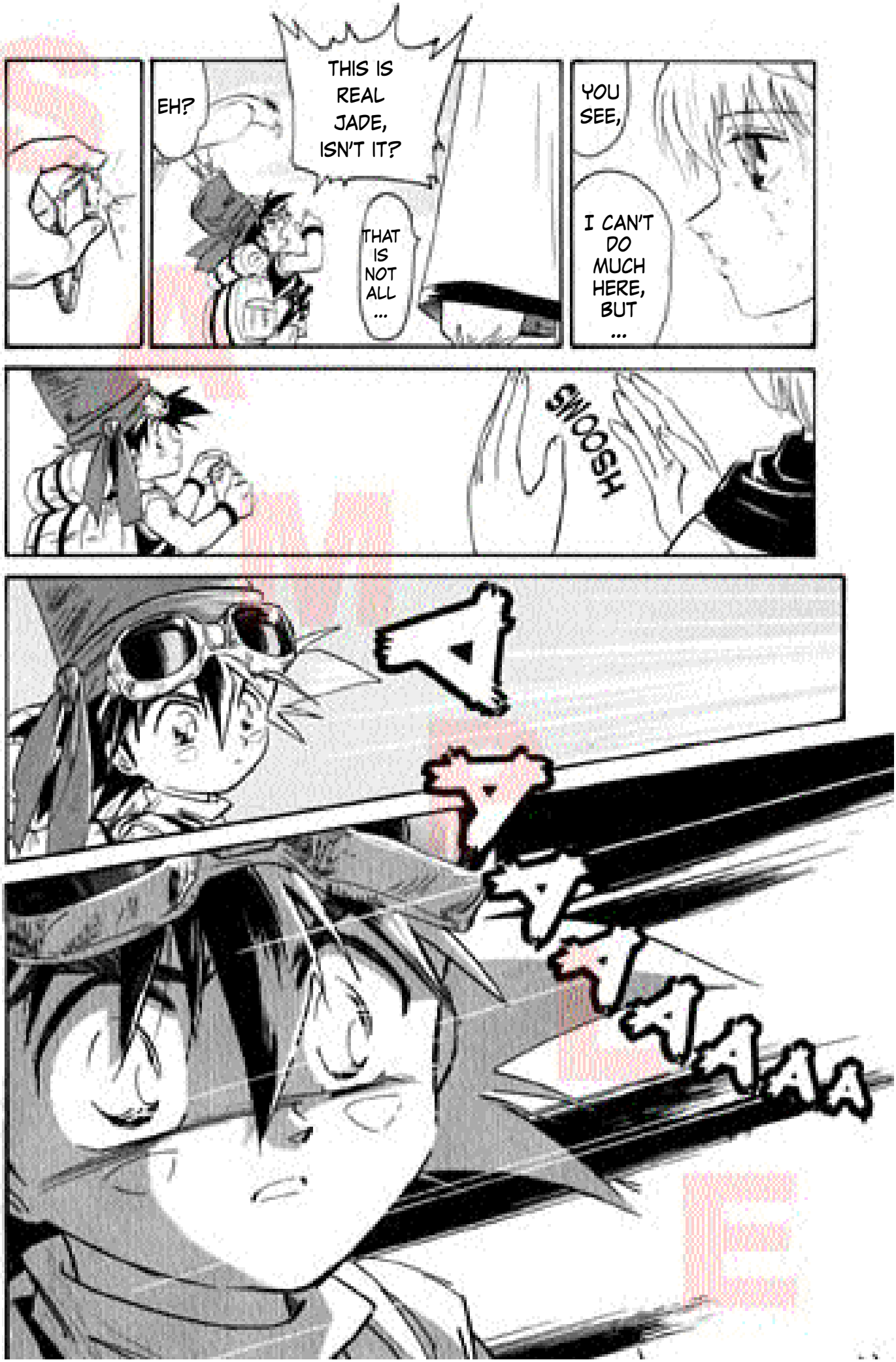
IT'S JUST ...
I JUST DON'T LIKE MEN WHO BUY AND SELL OTHER PEOPLE..
IN FACT, I HATE THEM.

THE FOOD AND WATER IS DOWN WITH THE ANT LIONS!
OH, WHAT'S THE USE? I'LL RESCUE YOU AND GET NOTHING.
STOMP STOMP STOMP
GOOD BYE!
W...
WATER !

END OF CHAPTER 1

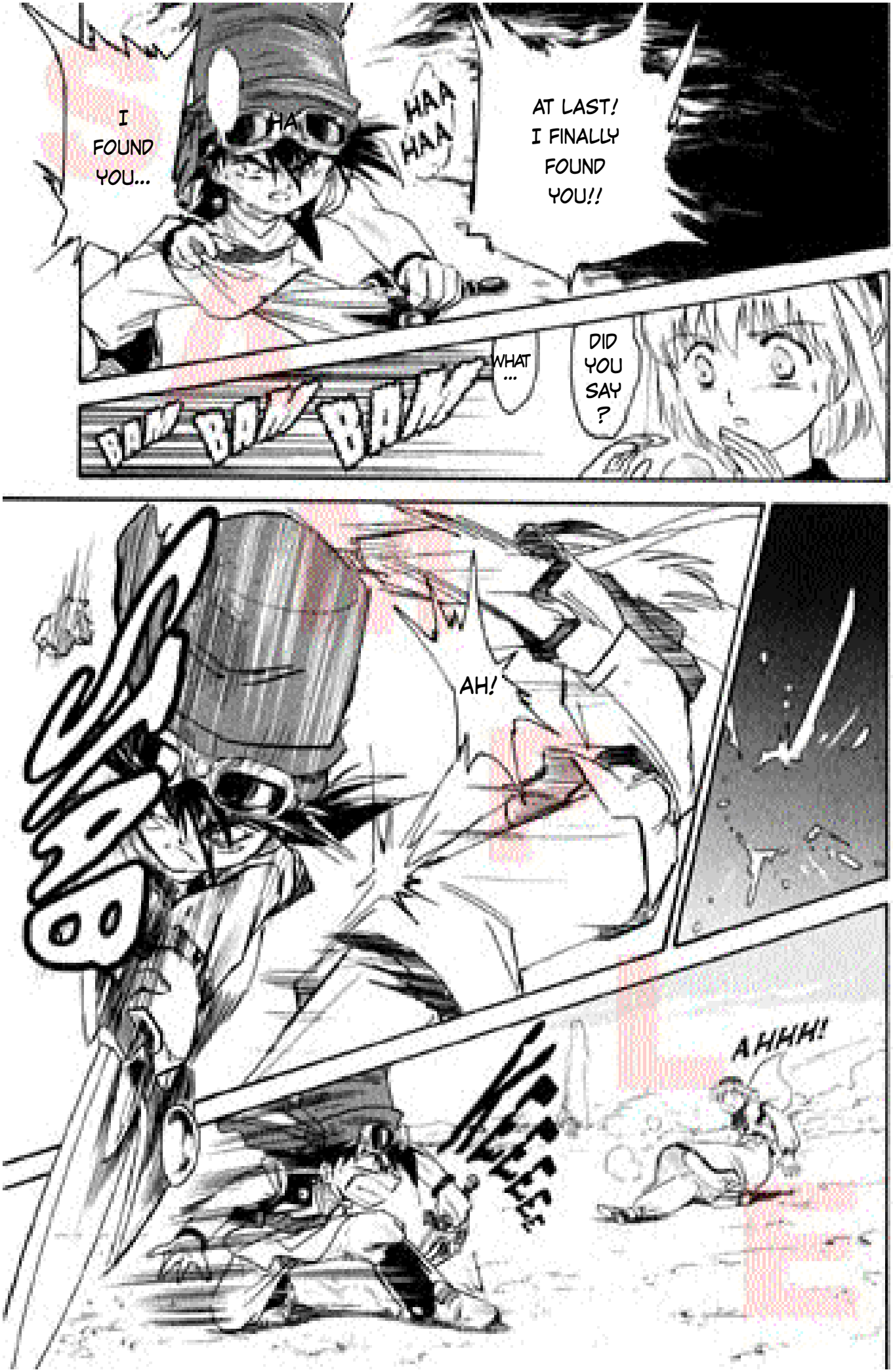
CHAPTER 2
DEMON

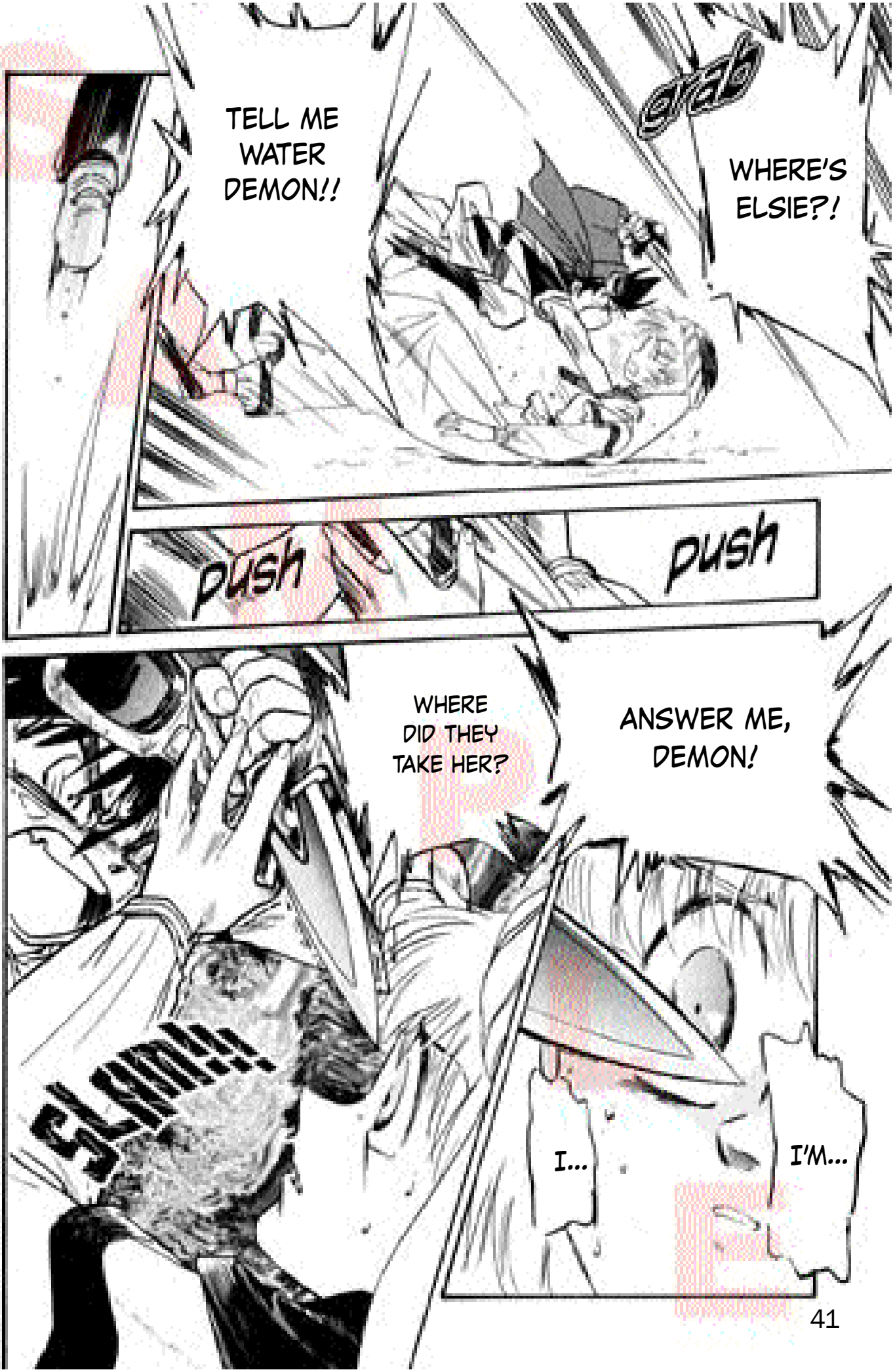
WOOSH
HEY ...
FAWNA, YOU ...
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
WHERE DID THAT WATER COME FROM?
KAZAN ...
HM-MPH.
FOR THIS YOU WANT ME TO TAKE YOU TO THE NEAREST VILLAGE?
IT'S JUST A CHEAP TRINKET.

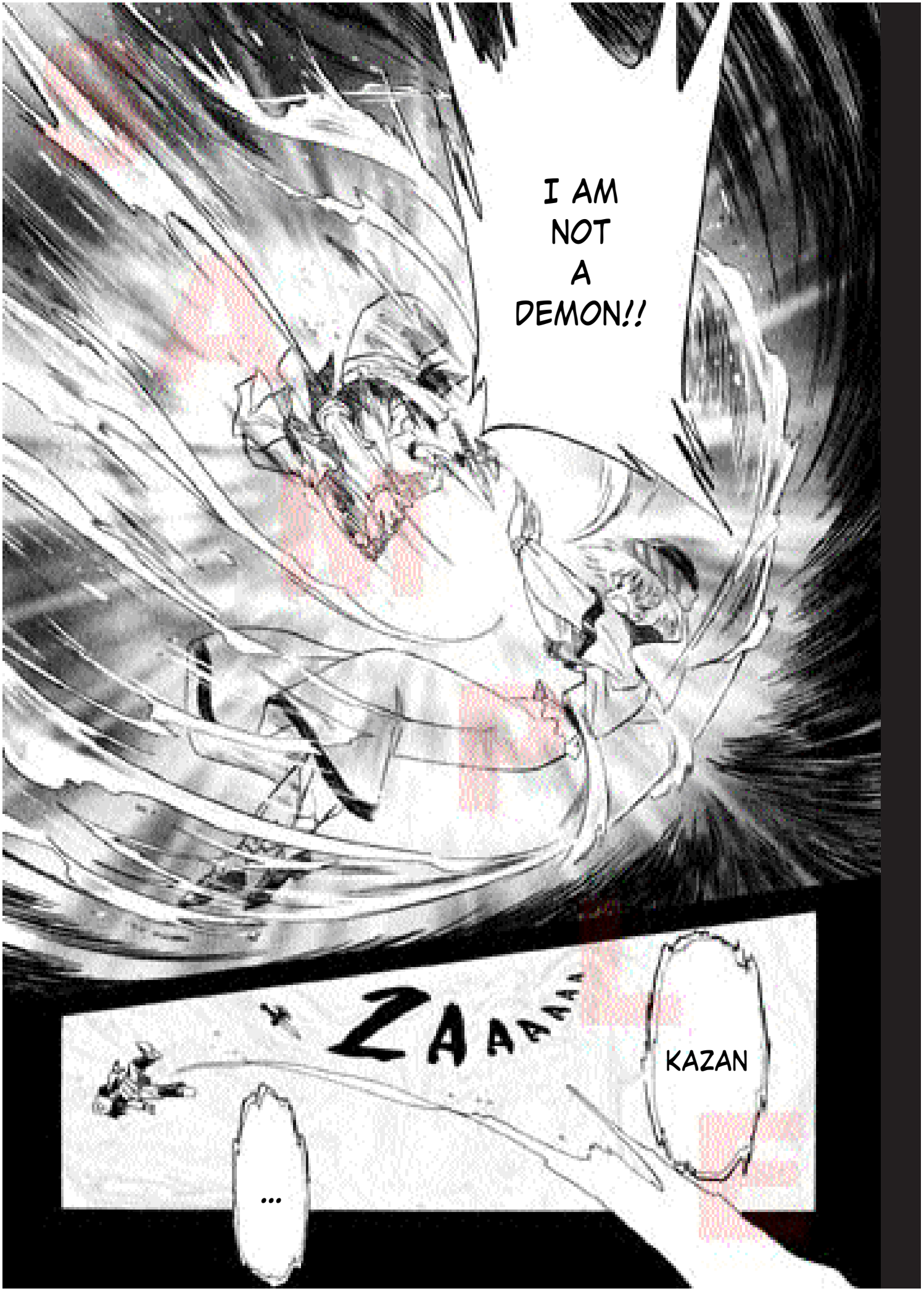

EH?
THIS IS REAL JADE, ISN'T IT?
THAT IS NOT ALL ...
YOU SEE,
I CAN'T DO MUCH HERE, BUT ...
SWOOSH
AAAA

WA
...
WATER
!!
SLAP

FAWNA!!
BETTER YET !!
WATER DEMON !!


I FOUND YOU...
HA
HAA HAA
AT LAST! I FINALLY FOUND YOU!!
BAM BAM BAM
WHAT ...
DID YOU SAY ?
AH!
AHHH!

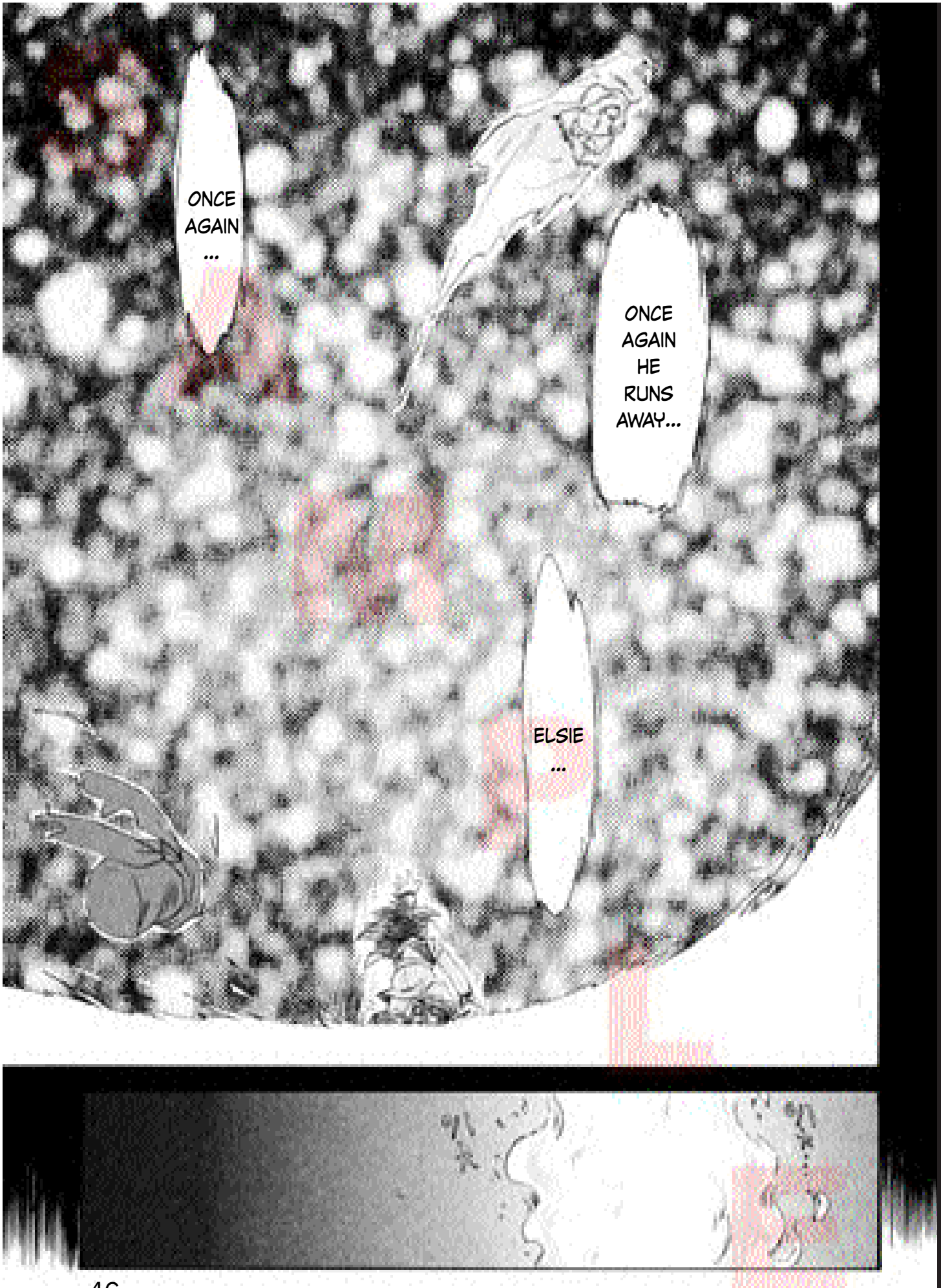

TELL ME WATER DEMON!!
grab
WHERE'S ELSIE?!
push
push
WHERE DID THEY TAKE HER?
ANSWER ME, DEMON!
I...
I'M...


I AM NOT A DEMON!!
ZAAAAAA
KAZAN
...

SO, BOY...
YOU'RE KAZAN
WHO ...
WHO ARE YOU?
I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOUR LIFE...
...KAZAN
YOUR FATHER ...
..FOR THIS ONE CUP OF WATER ...
...HE SOLD YOU TO ME.
ZAZAZAZA

FROM HIS HANDS
WATER?
...
MY FATHER...
SOLD ME
... FOR WATER ?
KAZAN, LOOK OUT!!

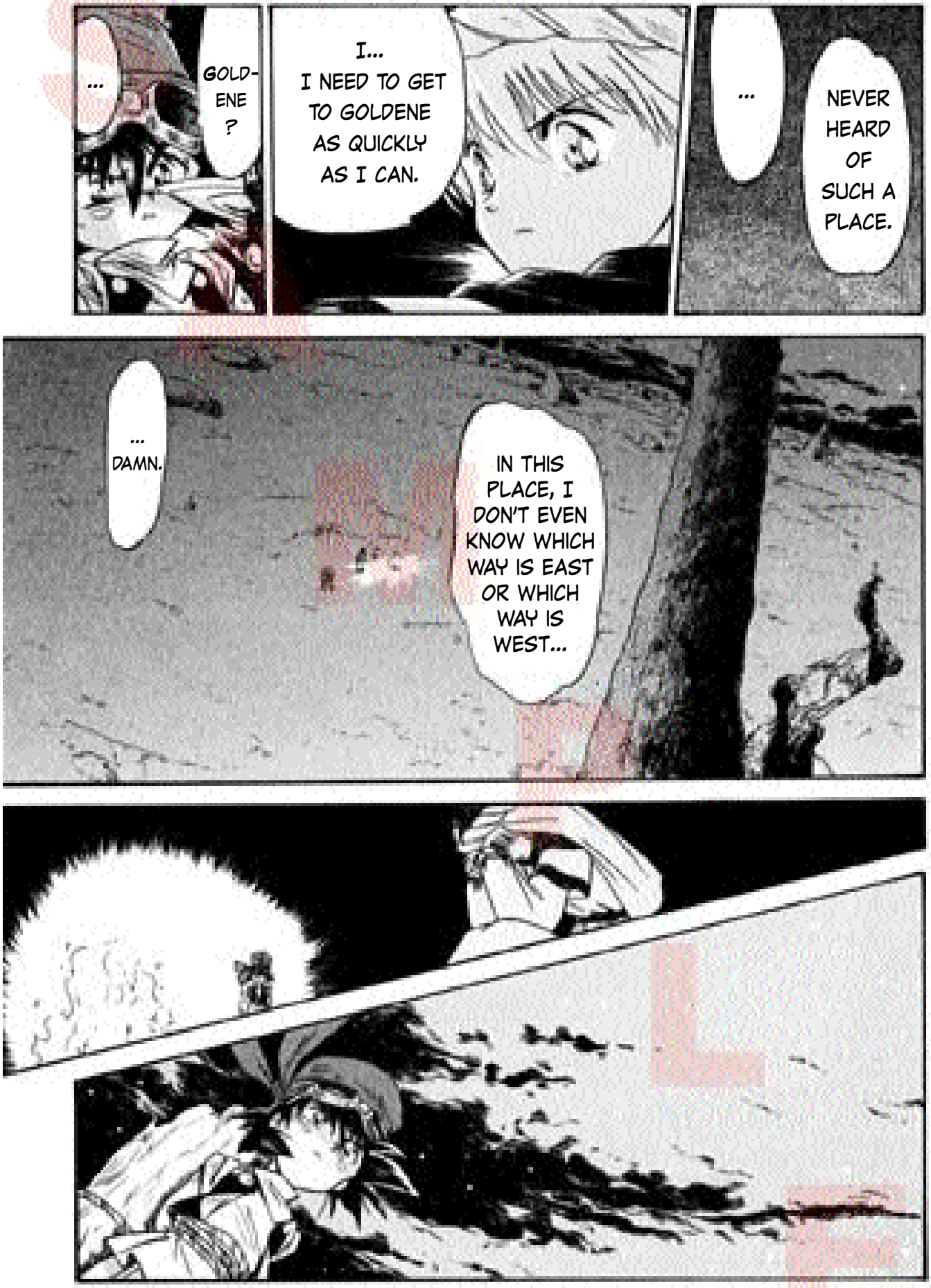
KAZAN...
ELSIE!


ONCE AGAIN ...
ONCE AGAIN HE RUNS AWAY...
ELSIE ...

OH!
POKE POKE
YOU!!
BOING
BOUNCE BOUNCE

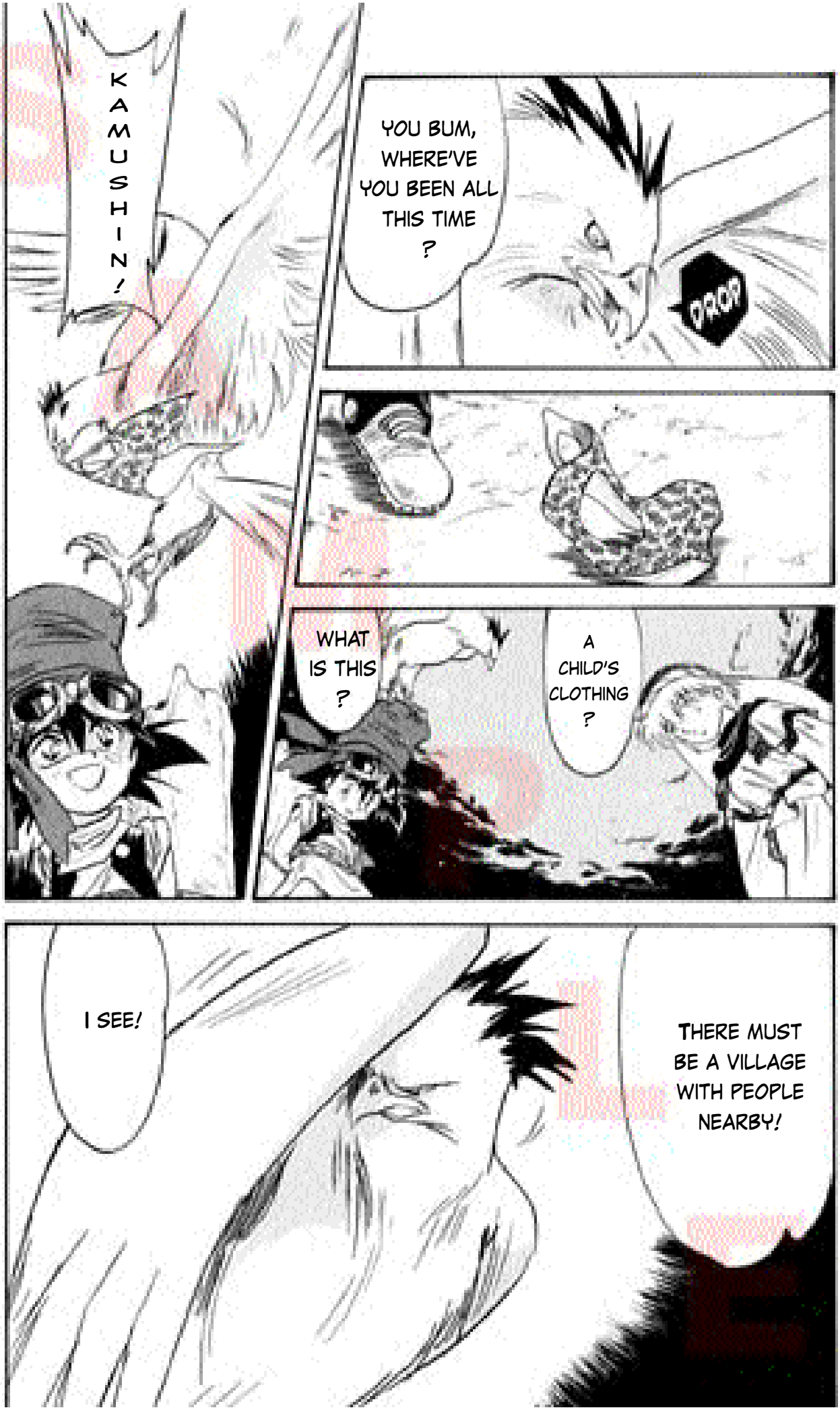
WALK
WALK
DAMN
!
YOU
DEMON
!
I...
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU
MEAN.
STEP
STEP
YOU KEEP
CALLING
ME THAT,
BUT...
STEP
STEP
NO
MATTER
WHAT
YOU
SAY, I
KNOW
THE
TRUTH...
YOU'RE
ONE OF
THOSE DEMONS
THAT CREATE
WATER FROM
THE PALMS
OF THEIR
HANDS!
SWOOSH!

IF I WAS A DEMON, I COULD HAVE KILLED YOU BY NOW.
OR HADN'T YOU FIGURED THAT OUT, YOU IDIOT?
NOW, KAZAN... THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO ASK YOU.
HOW DO I GET TO A COUNTRY CALLED GOLDENE?

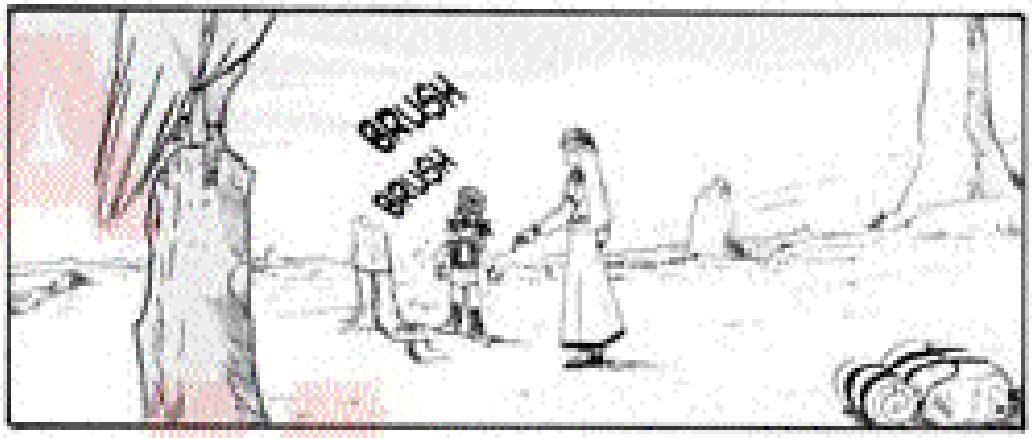

...
GOLD-
ENE
?
I...
I NEED TO GET
TO GOLDENE
AS QUICKLY
AS I CAN.
...
NEVER
HEARD
OF
SUCH A
PLACE.
...
DAMN.
IN THIS
PLACE, I
DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHICH
WAY IS EAST
OR WHICH
WAY IS
WEST...

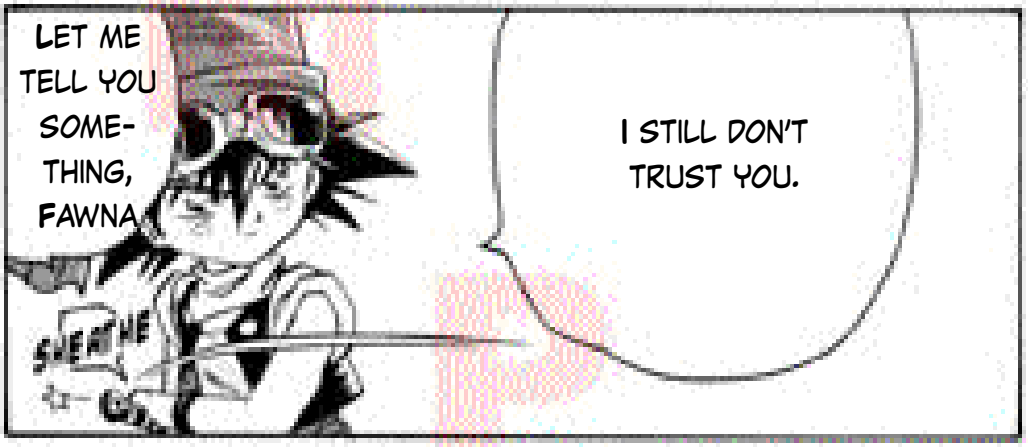
WEST IS THAT WAY.
THE LINE EXTENDING FROM THE FOURTH STAR OF THE CONSTEL-LATION GHIBLI POINTS DIRECTLY WEST.
KAZAN, CAN YOU NAVIGATE BY THE STARS?
ANYONE CAN DO AS MUCH.
FAWNA, I NEED TO ASK YOU SOMETHING, TOO.
WHY DO YOU HAVE THE "WATER POWER"?
...
I DON'T KNOW WHY MYSELF YET.
BUT, IT'S NOT THE POWER OF SOME DEMON!
I WANT TO USE IT
...AND GO TO GOLD-ENE.

IN GOLDENE, I CAN USE MY POWER TO DO SOME GOOD !!!
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP


KAMUSHIN!
YOU BUM, WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME?
DROP
WHAT IS THIS?
A CHILD'S CLOTHING?
I SEE!
THERE MUST BE A VILLAGE WITH PEOPLE NEARBY!

JUMP!

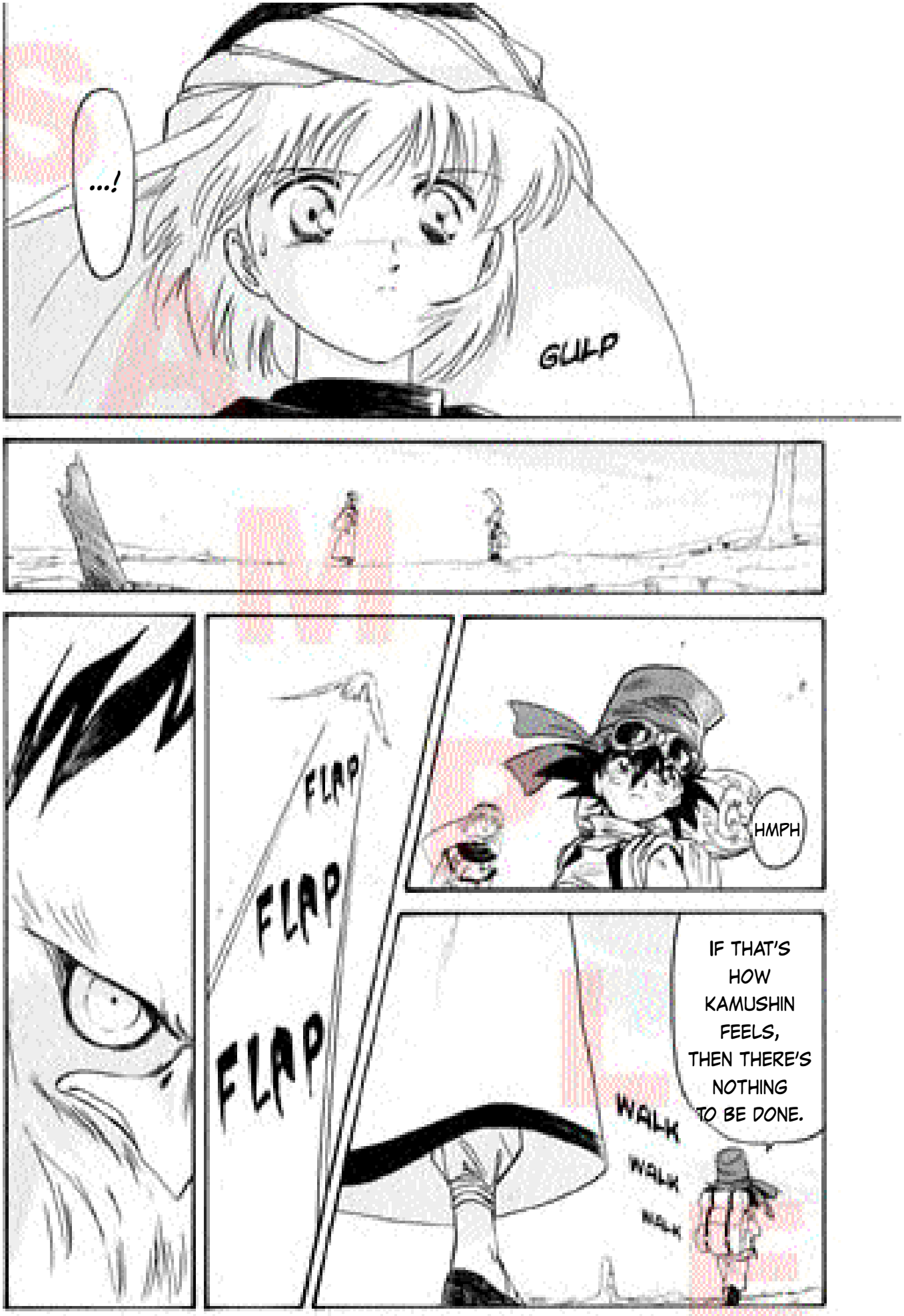

BRUSH
BRUSH


LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING, FAWNA
I STILL DON'T TRUST YOU.
SHEATHE

.....
I KNOW . . .

THAT WHITE EAGLE . . .
WALK WALK
HUH ?
IT'S REALLY SMART, ISN'T IT? IT'S LIKE IT UNDERSTANDS WHAT YOU SAY . . .
WALK WALK WALK ?
KAMUSHIN UNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING, EVEN HUMAN WORDS.
IT DOES.
WALK WALK
WHEEEEE!!
FLAP FLAP FLAP

PROBA-
BLY,
SOULS,
TOO.


...!
GULP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
HMPH
IF THAT'S HOW KAMUSHIN FEELS, THEN THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE.
WALK
WALK
WALK

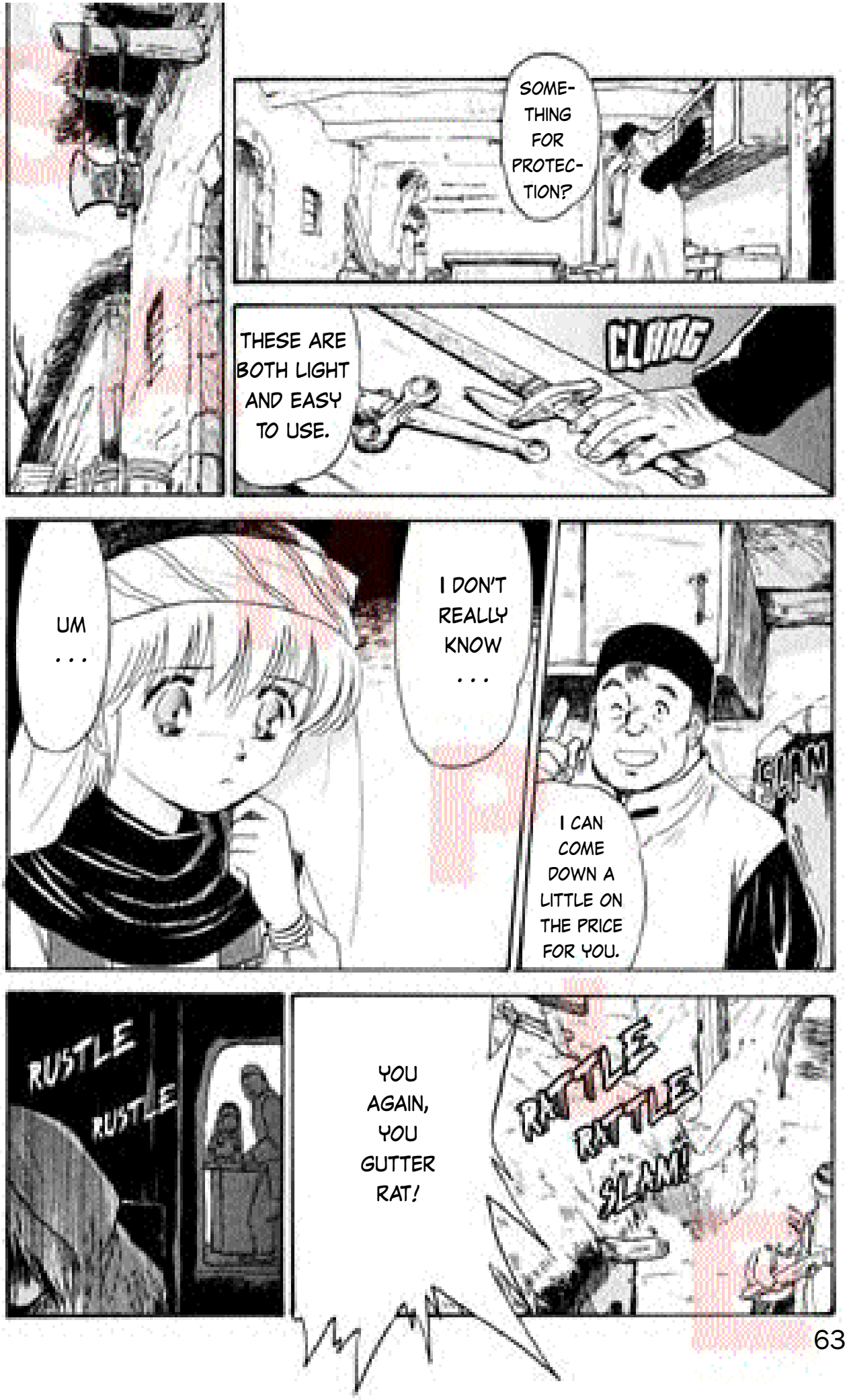
END OF CHAPTER 2

KAZAN ...
WHY ARE YOU TRAVELING ALONE ?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
BUT YOU'RE ONLY 8 OR SO, RIGHT? DON'T YOU HAVE A FAMILY?
I SAID, NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.

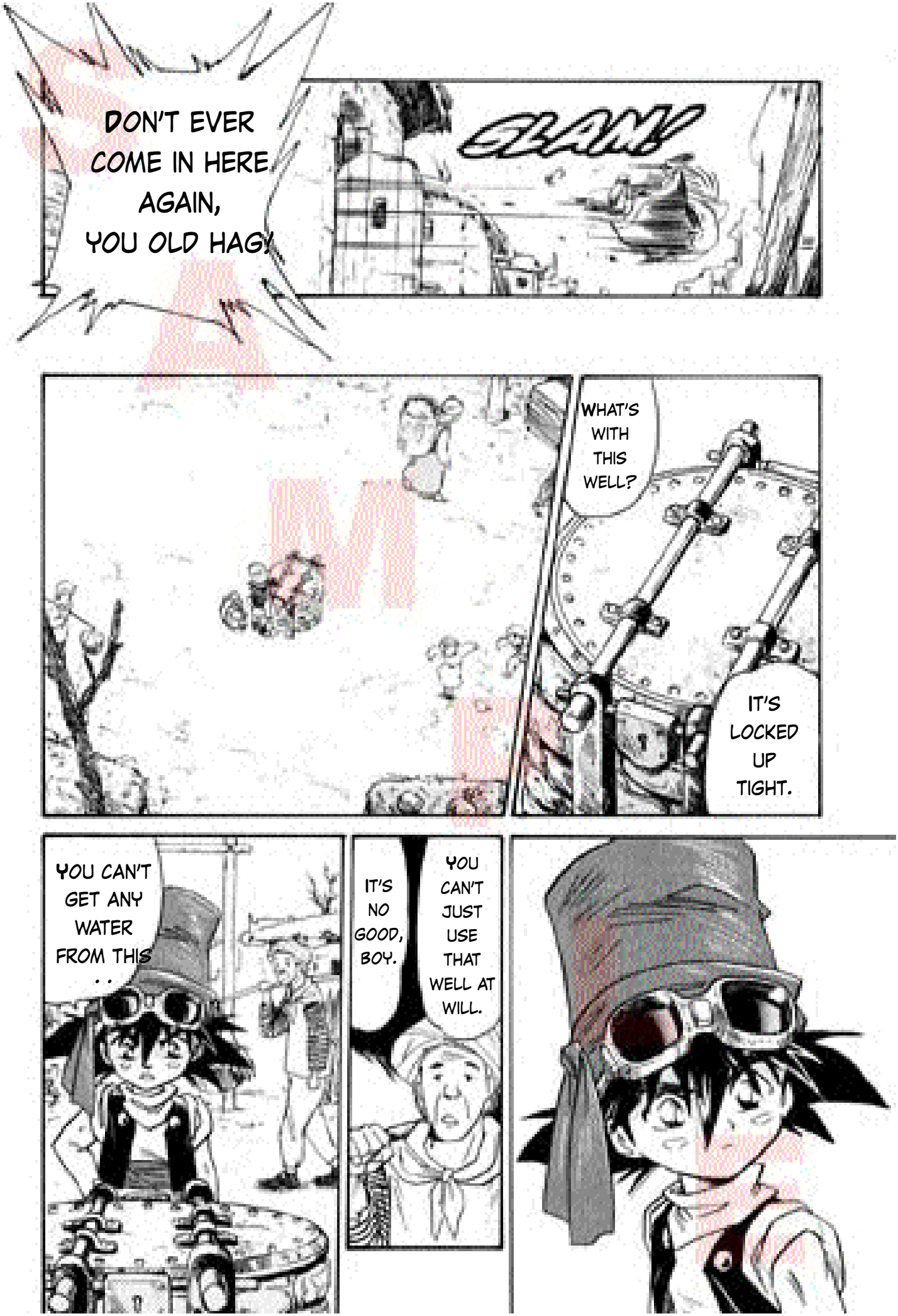
CHAPTER 3
SWORD

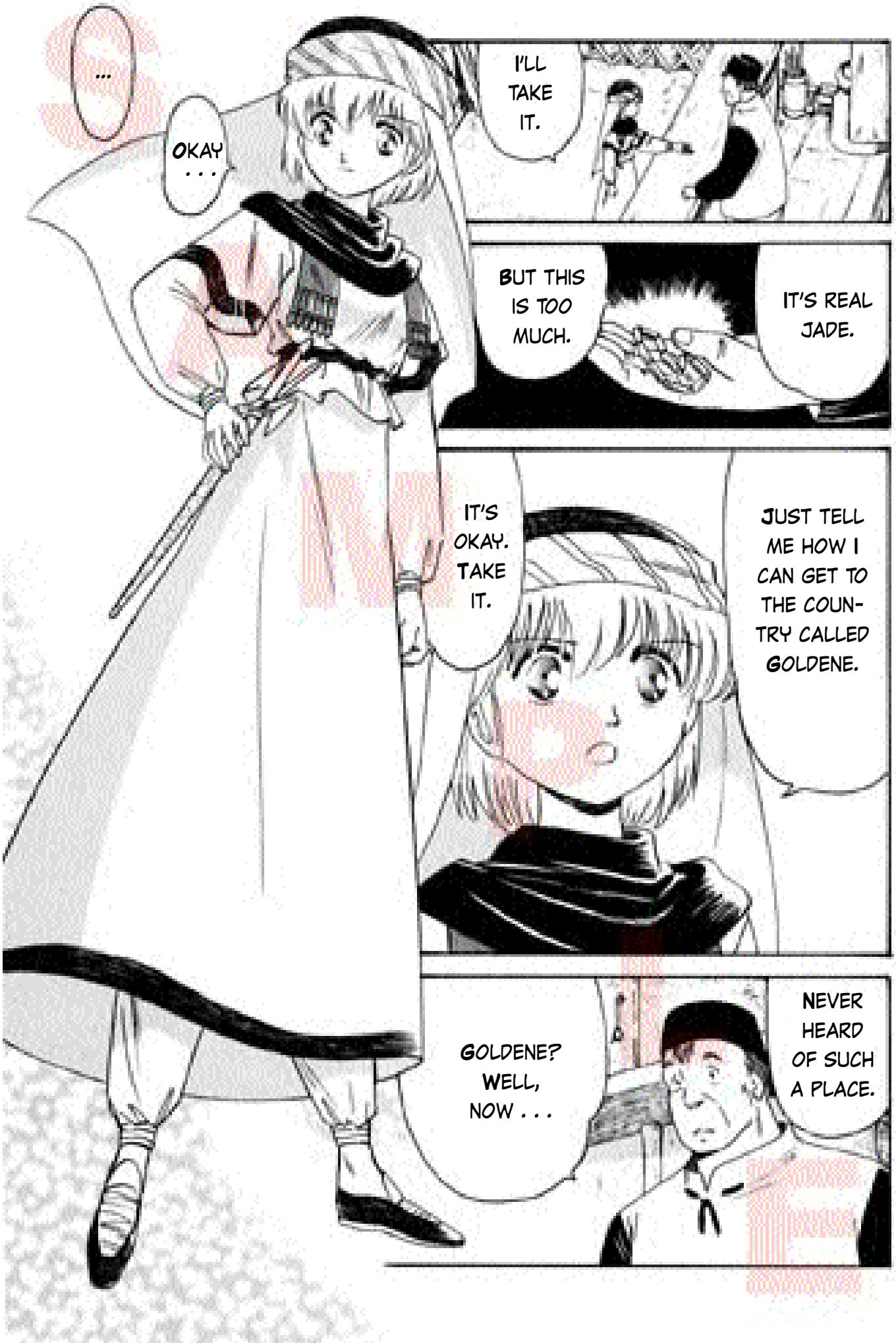
KAAAA
FAWNA . . . IT'S A VILLAGE!
WE MADE IT!
HAAAA
LET'S GO.
CAN'T WE REST FIRST?
I SWEAR! CALL IT WELL-TRAVELED OR WHATEVER . . .
THAT KID'S JUST GOT WAY TOO MUCH ENERGY . . .
GO HAVE SOME FUN, KAMUSHIN.

NOW THEN, I'VE FULFILLED MY PROMISE TO YOU.
YEAH . .
UM . . .
THANK YOU.
KAZAN.
CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP
JUST A WORD OF ADVICE.
DON'T GO AROUND TRUSTING EVERYONE.
IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THAT GOLDENE PLACE, YOU'VE GOT TO LOOK OUT FOR YOURSELF.
....
AND THIS CONTINENT ISN'T FILLED WITH SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE THAT YOU CAN TRAVEL UNARMED.
SEE YA.

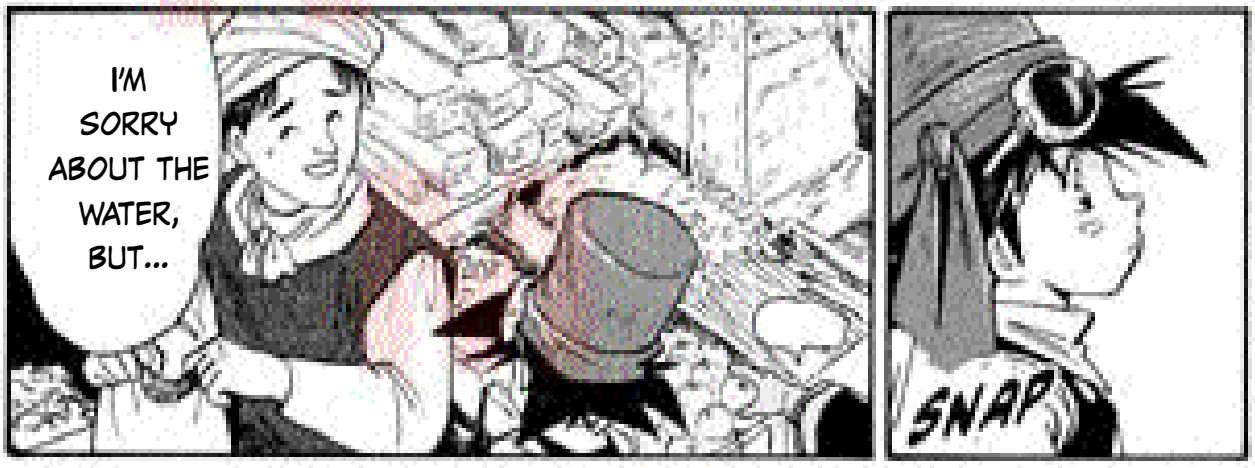

SOME-
THING
FOR
PROTEC-
TION?
THESE ARE BOTH LIGHT AND EASY TO USE.
CLANG
UM
. . .
I DON'T REALLY KNOW
. . .
I CAN COME DOWN A LITTLE ON THE PRICE FOR YOU.
SLAM
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
YOU AGAIN, YOU GUTTER RAT!
RATTLE
RATTLE
SLAM!

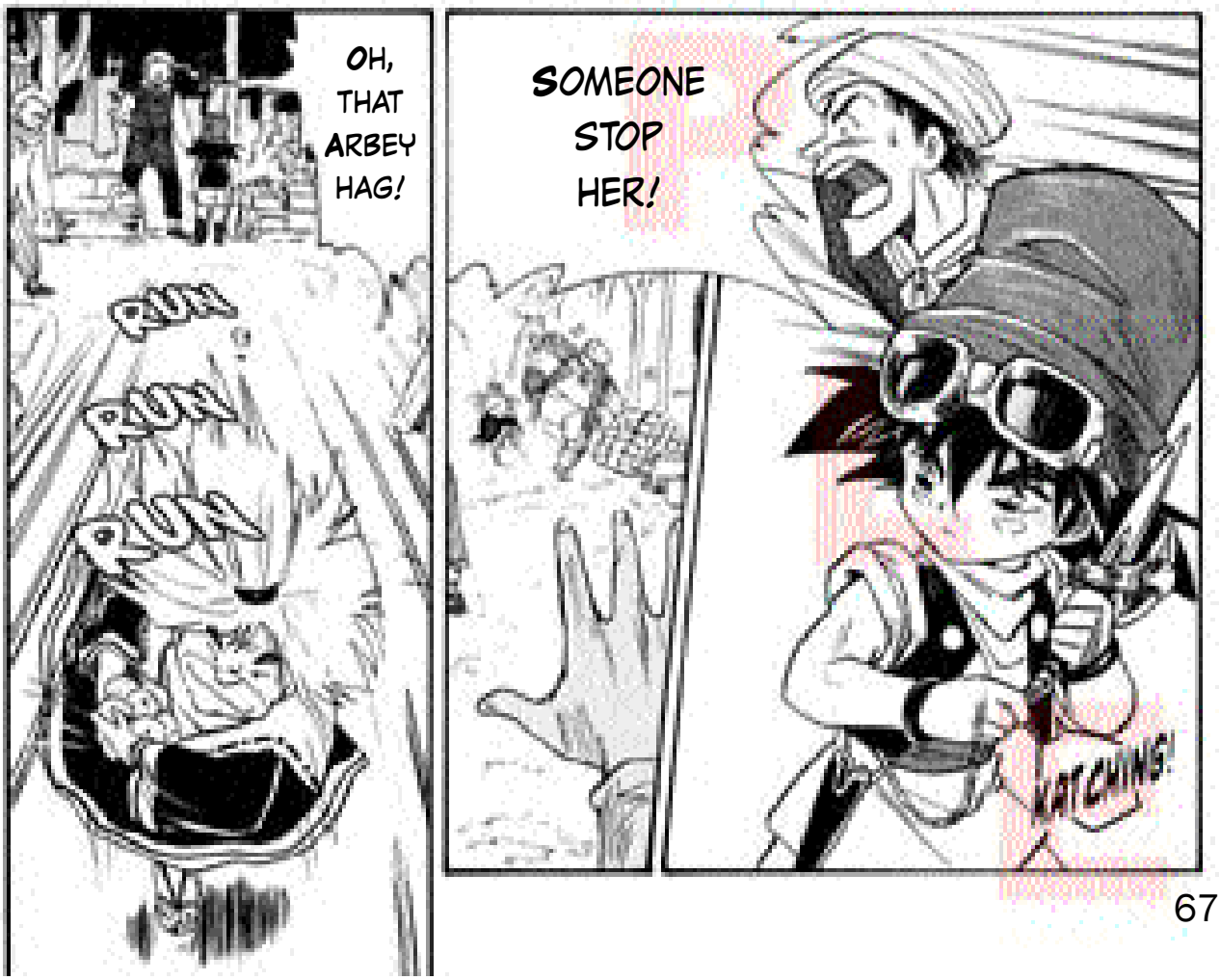
AA AHH!
SWOOSH!!
MY PANTRY . . . DAMMIT!
I'M BEGGING YOU . . .I'M SO HUNGRY, CAN'T YOU GIVE ME SOME-THING?
DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO HER.
SLAP
SHE'S CALLED ARBEY, SHE'S JUST A GUTTER RAT.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
BAH! BUYING ONE OF YOUR FLIMSY SWORDS WON'T DO HER ANY GOOD!
HOW 'BOUT IT, GIRL? INSTEAD OF BUYING THIS GUY'S STUFF, CONSIDER MY FIRE BALL INSTEAD?
DOINK


DON'T EVER COME IN HERE AGAIN, YOU OLD HAG!
BANG
WHAT'S WITH THIS WELL?
IT'S LOCKED UP TIGHT.
YOU CAN'T GET ANY WATER FROM THIS . .
IT'S NO GOOD, BOY.
YOU CAN'T JUST USE THAT WELL AT WILL.


...
OKAY . . .
I'LL TAKE IT.
BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH.
IT'S REAL JADE.
IT'S OKAY. TAKE IT.
JUST TELL ME HOW I CAN GET TO THE COUN-TRY CALLED GOLDENE.
GOLDENE? WELL, NOW . . .
NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A PLACE.

THAT DRIED POTATO, AND SOME WHEAT BREAD . . .
AND THOSE BEANS, TWO BAGS EACH.
AND PLEASE FILL THIS LEATHER POUCH WITH WATER.
PLOP


I'M SORRY ABOUT THE WATER, BUT...
SNAP


OH, THAT ARBEY HAG!
RUN
RUN
RUN
SOMEONE STOP HER!
WATCHING!

SWOOSH
TURN
CRASH!
WAAAHHH!

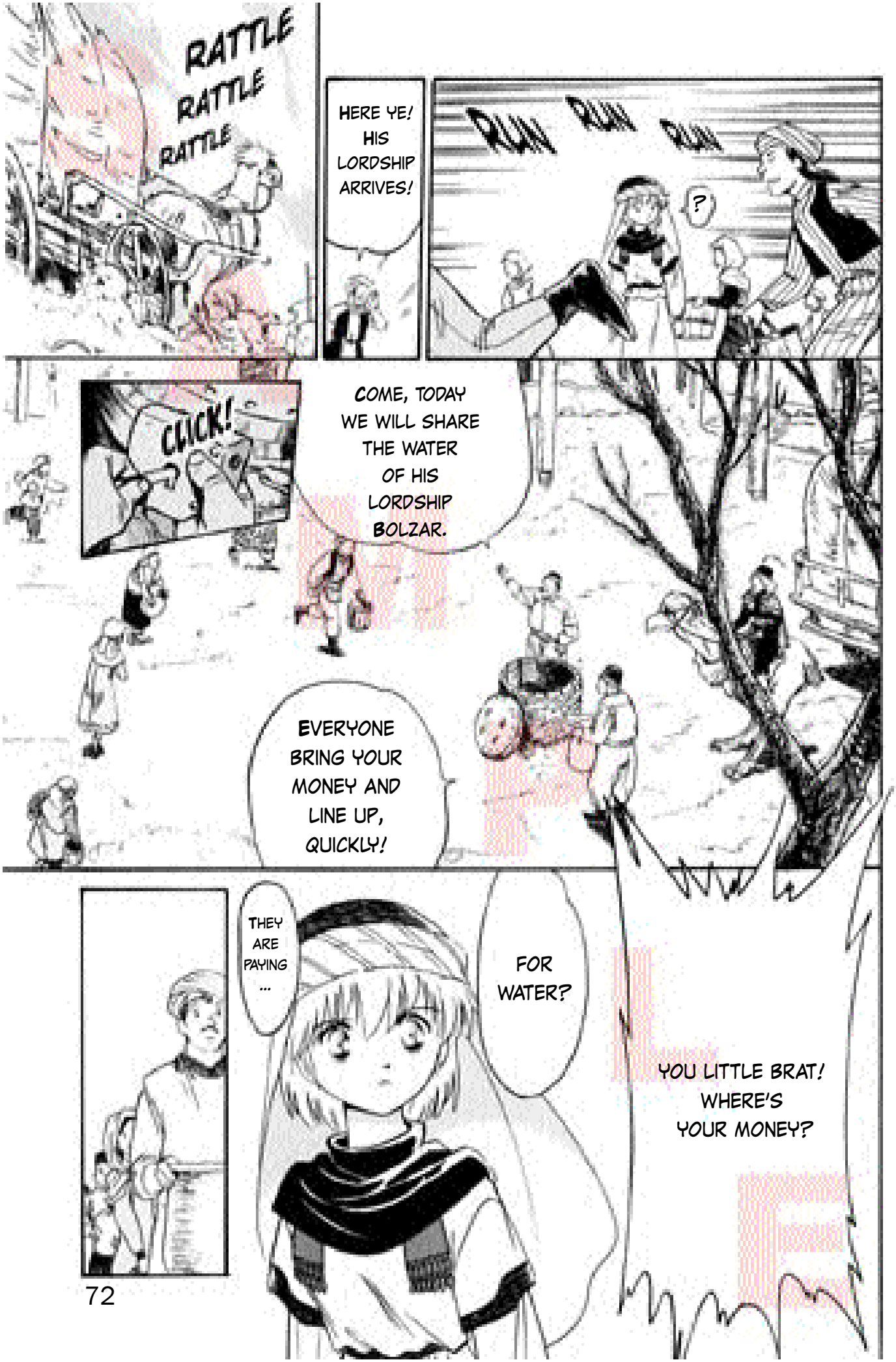
OH, THANK YOU!
IT'S JUST WHAT YOU DESERVED YOU OLD WITCH!
YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR THIS TIME!
I'LL KICK YOUR ASS!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH.
YOU'LL NEVER AMOUNT TO MORE THAN A WEAK LITTLE BOY.
WHAT ?
MR. BIG SHOT WITH HIS DRIED FOOD STORE, OVER TWENTY YEARS OLD AND HE STILL WETS THE BED!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
I KNOW EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON WITH EVERYONE IN THIS VILLAGE!
HEY, YOU THERE.
THE FOOD THE OLD LADY TOOK ...
I'LL PAY FOR THAT TOO.

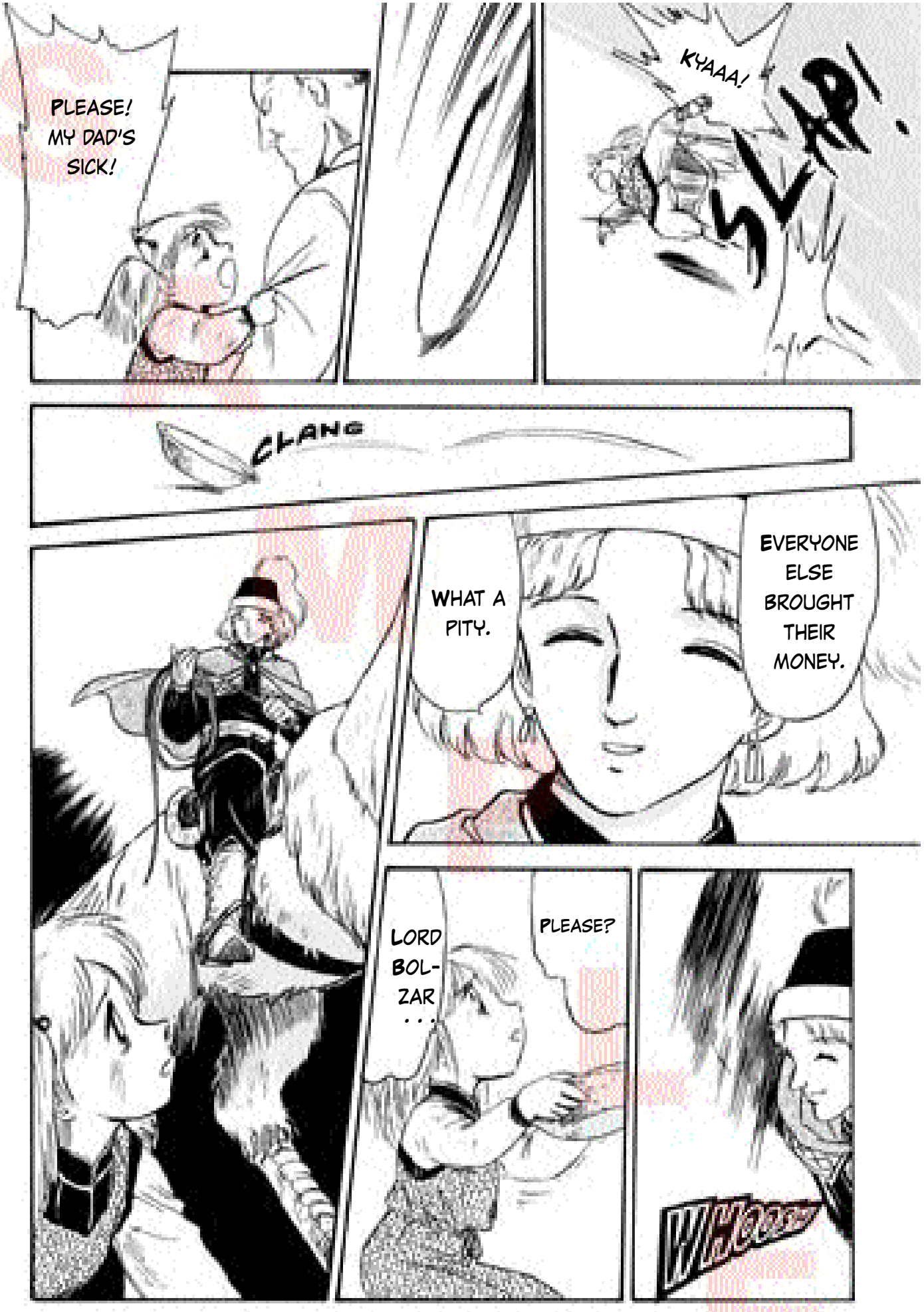
FLAP FLAP
FLAP FLAP
GROUND
GROUND
OLD LADY! YOU SAID YOU KNOW EVERYTHING THAT GOES ON IN THIS VILLAGE, RIGHT?
ARBEY.
HUH ?
MY NAME IS ARBEY.
YOU WATCH HOW YOU TALK TO YOUR ELDERS.
LITTLE BOY!

SLAM

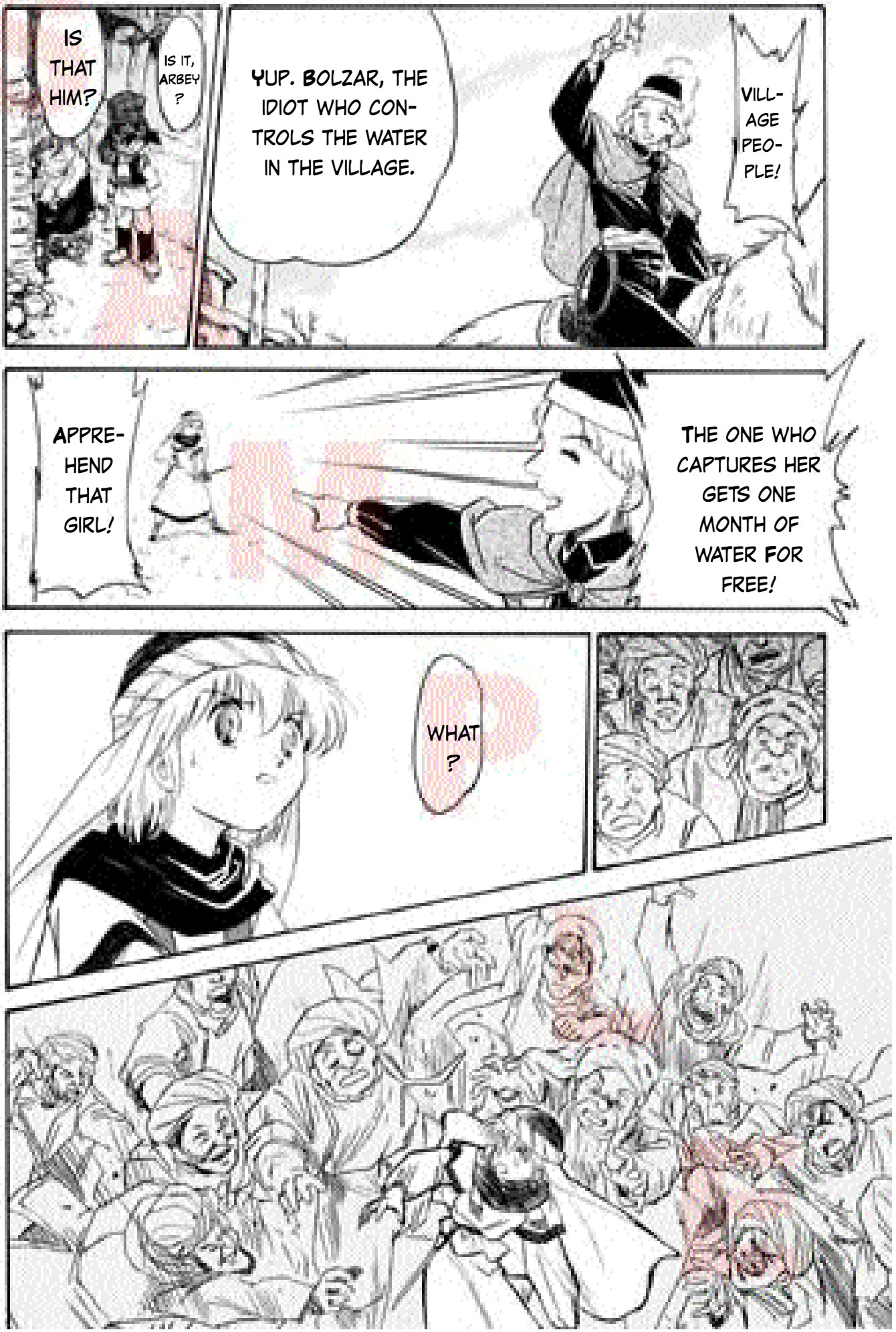
MY NAME IS KAZAN.
AND I'M NOT A LITTLE BOY.
HMMH . . .
AND I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE SO MUCH THAT I LIKE FEEDING THEM TOO.
OLD LADY, IS THERE ANYONE IN THIS VILLAGE CALLED THE WATER DEMON?

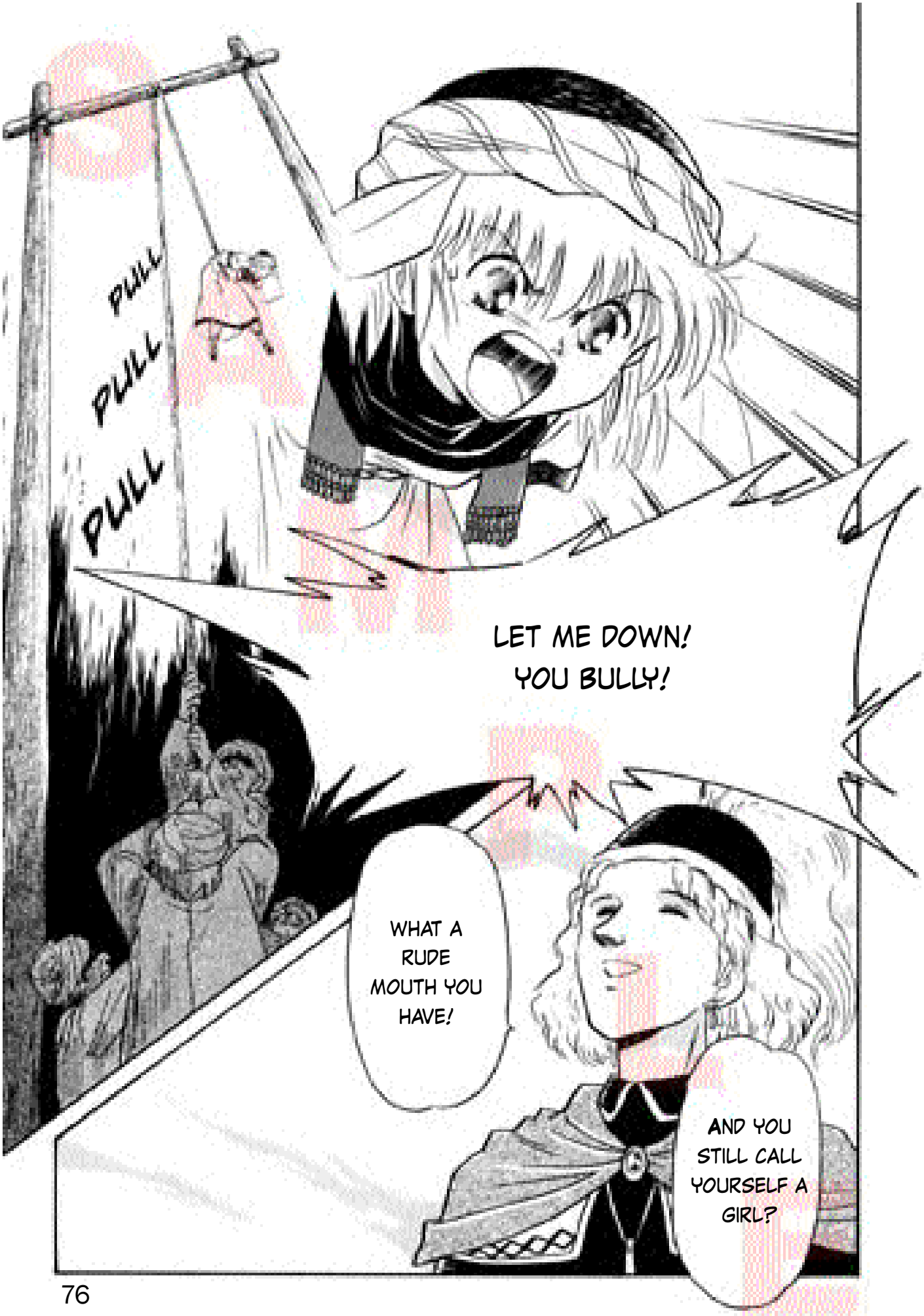
WATER ...
DEMON ?
...YES, THERE IS.


RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
HERE YE! HIS LORDSHIP ARRIVES!
RUN RUN RUN
?
CLICK!
COME, TODAY WE WILL SHARE THE WATER OF HIS LORDSHIP BOLZAR.
EVERYONE BRING YOUR MONEY AND LINE UP, QUICKLY!
THEY ARE PAYING ...
FOR WATER?
YOU LITTLE BRAT! WHERE'S YOUR MONEY?


PLEASE! MY DAD'S SICK!
KYAAA!
SLAP!
CLANG
WHAT A PITY.
EVERYONE ELSE BROUGHT THEIR MONEY.
LORD BOL-ZAR . . .
PLEASE?
WHOOSH

WAAAAAr
YOU! YOU'RE FIGHTING A CHILD!
HMMPH . . .
THIS IS A SUR-PRISE.
I HAD NO IDEA ANYONE IN THIS VILLAGE WOULD CHALLENGE ME.
NO-
NO, YOUR LORDSHIP!
THIS GIRL'S A FOREIGNER !
WE WOULD NEVER DISOBEY YOU!


Is that him?
Is it, Arbey?
Yup. Bolzar, the idiot who controls the water in the village.
Vill-age peo-ple!
Appre-hend that girl!
The one who captures her gets one month of water for free!
What?


PULL
PULL
PULL
LET ME DOWN!
YOU BULLY!
WHAT A RUDE MOUTH YOU HAVE!
AND YOU STILL CALL YOURSELF A GIRL?

AT LEAST I'M NOT A COWARD WHO BLACKMAILS VILLAGERS WITH WATER!

WELL . . .
"COWARD" AM I?

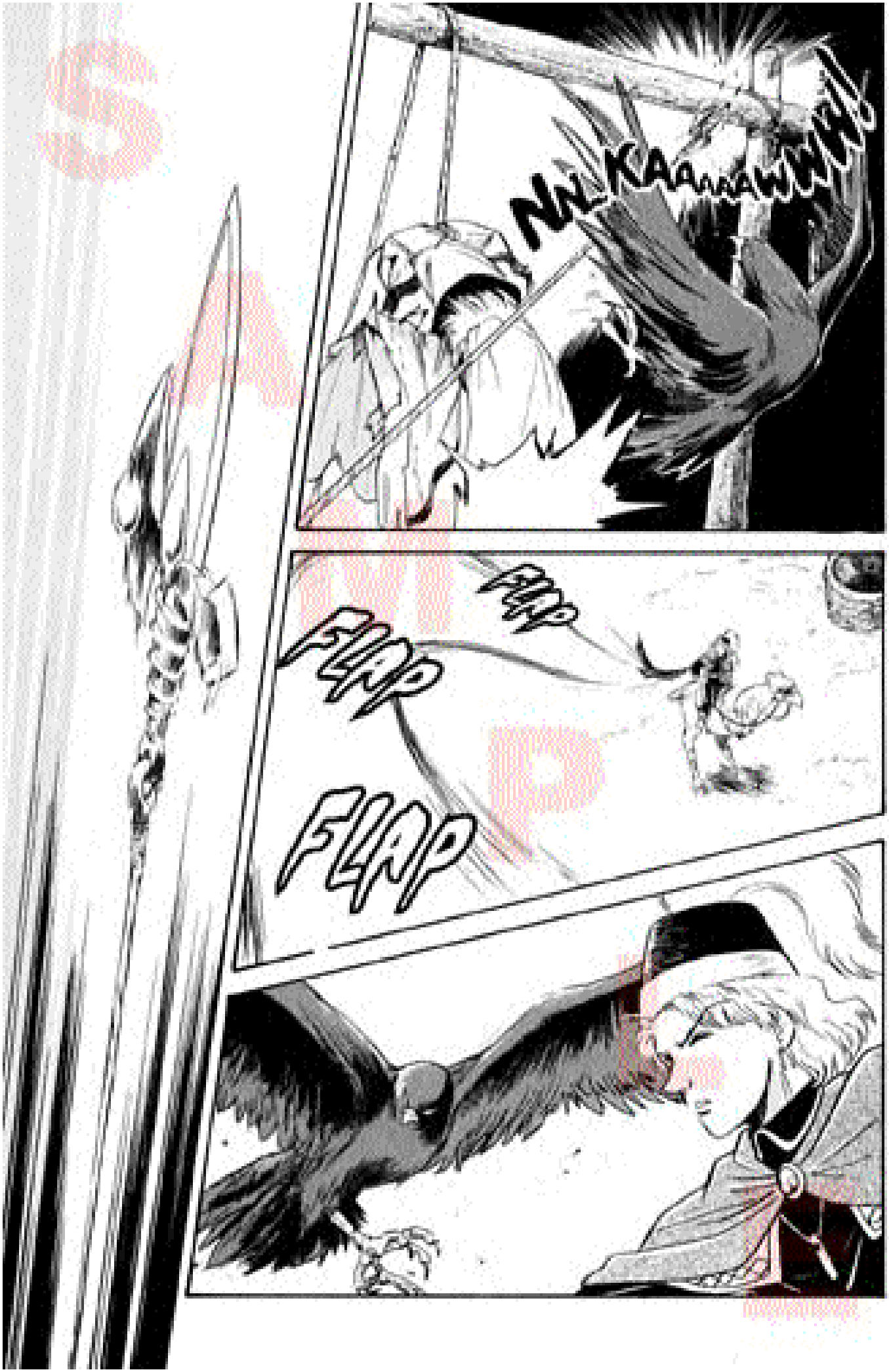
OH, SHE'S DONE IT NOW,
SHE SHOULD-N'T HAVE SPOKEN.

NOW...
YOU'VE GONE AND MADE ME MAD.

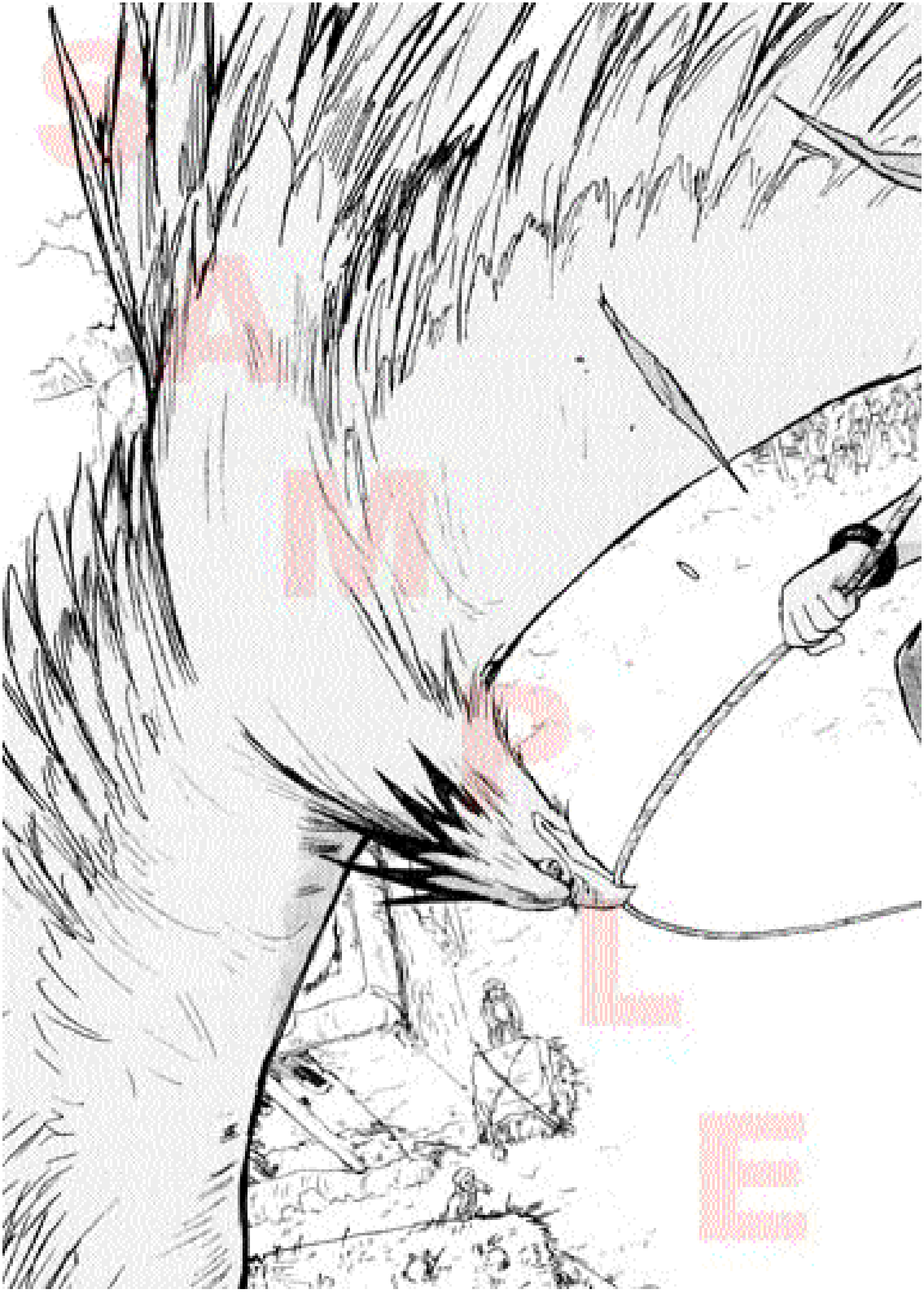
PWWEEET!

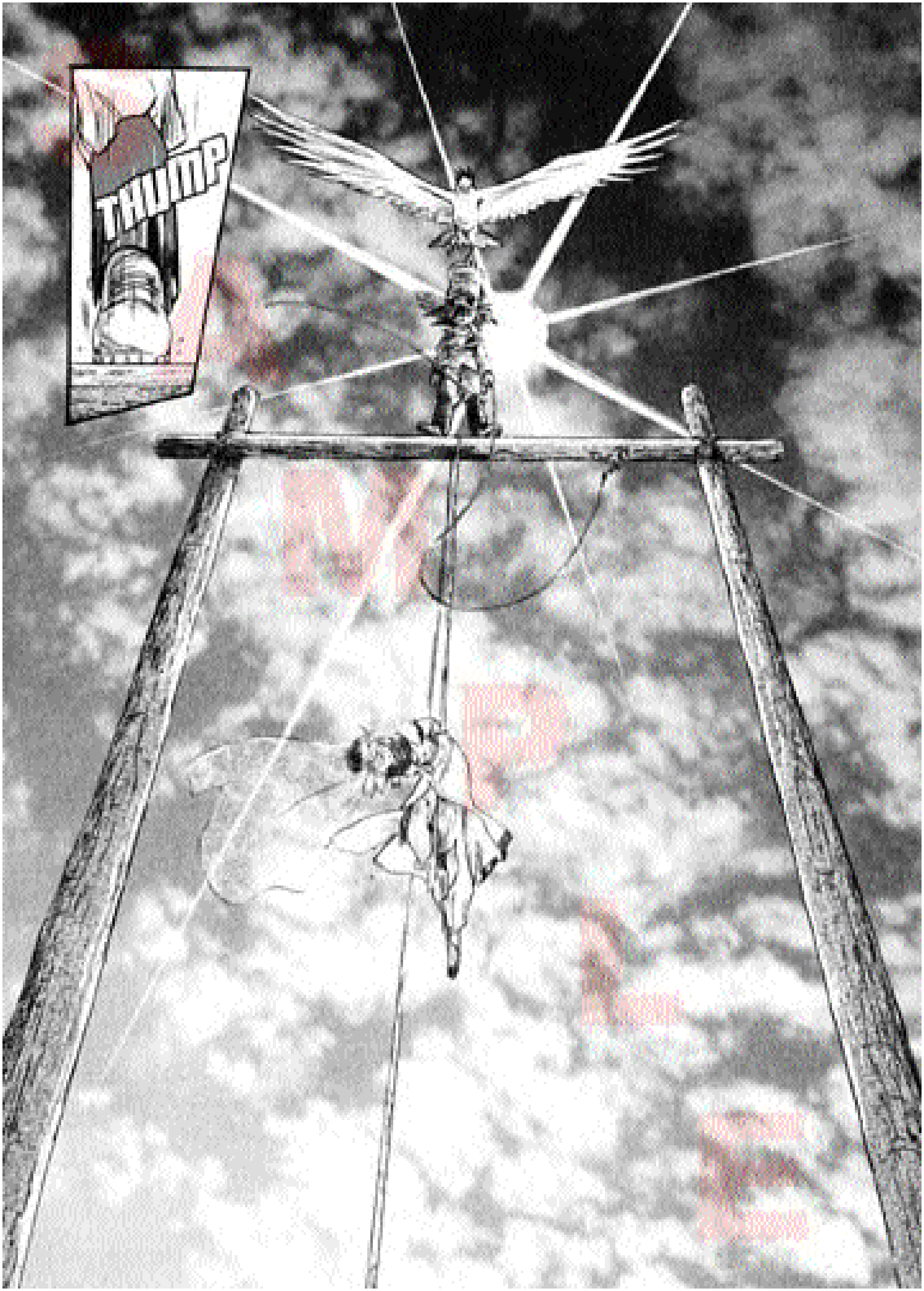
?
AAH!
!
SLASH
OUCH . . .
WHAT THE . . .
Slice!
AAAAHHH!
Slice!
Slice!

SWOOSH
OH...
MY BEAUTIFUL BLACK HAWK, JIGULY
TODAY YOU WILL FEAST.
OH . . .
ATTACK!


NWAKAAAAAWWWW!!
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

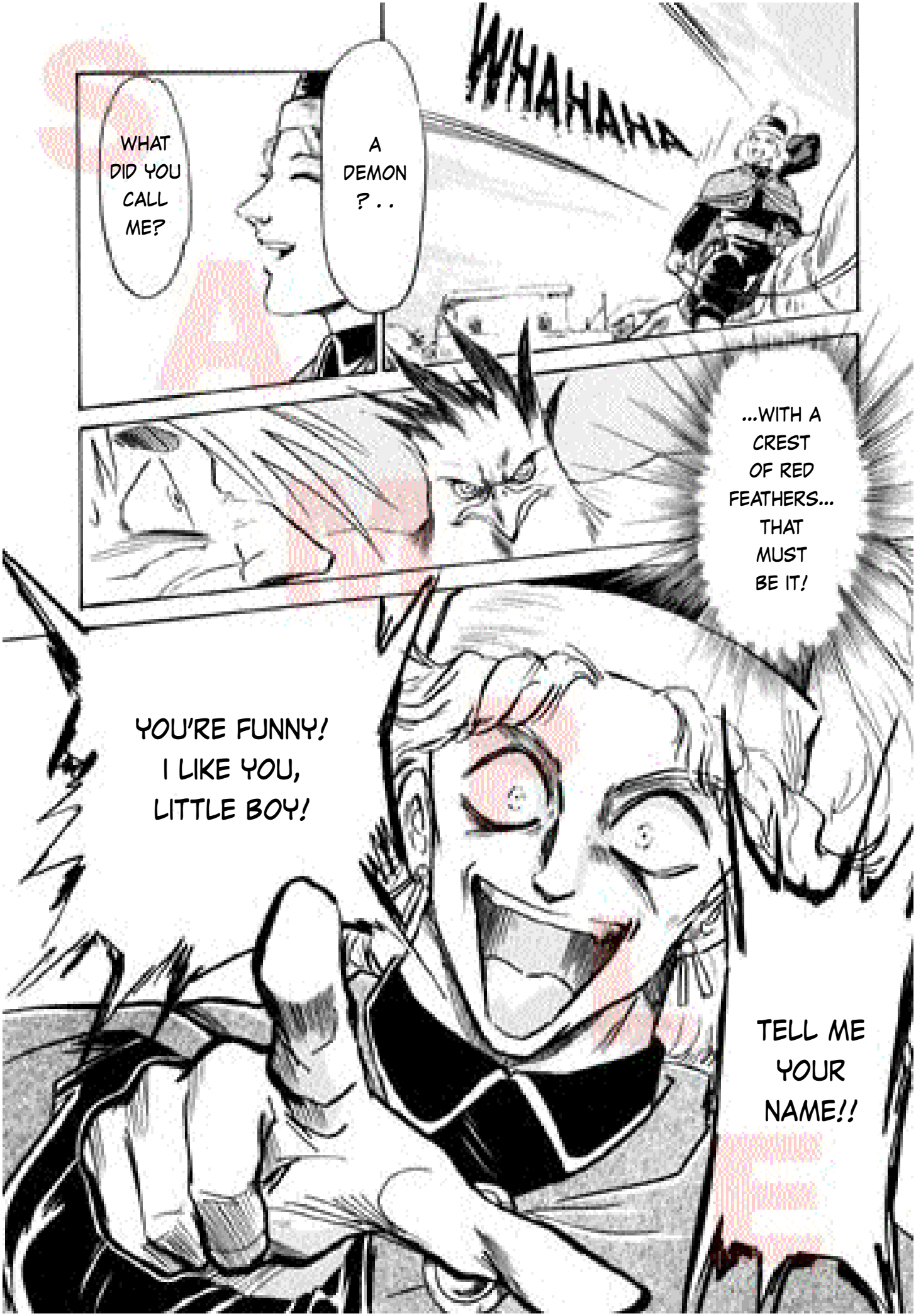
WHO ARE YOU?
WHOOOSH
KAAAAWWW!
ZOOM




THUMP

OOOOOOOOOOH!
SOMEHOW
. . .
KUHHN

SO YOU'RE THE ONE THEY CALL THE WATER DEMON . . .
SEEMS LIKE A GOOD NAME TO ME.
SHUUU
AH ...
THAT BOY ...
BE-HIND HIM ...
A WHITE EAGLE!


WHAHAHA
WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?
A DEMON ? . .
...WITH A CREST OF RED FEATHERS... THAT MUST BE IT!
YOU'RE FUNNY! I LIKE YOU, LITTLE BOY!
TELL ME YOUR NAME!!

SWOOSH
MY NAME IS KAZAN!
IT MUST BE!
THE WHITE EAGLE OF GOLDENE!!

THE THREAD
FLAP FLAP
IT MUST BE..
FLAP FLAP
THE WHITE EAGLE OF GOLDENE !!
FLAP FLAP FLAP
END OF CHAPTER 3

CHAPTER 4
THE THREAD

THUMP
SO, BOY. YOUR NAME IS KAZAN...
AND YOU CALL ME A WATER DEMON?
flee flee flee flee flee
THAT'S RIGHT.
IF YOU'VE FORGOTTEN, I'LL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY . . .
YOU!
HOW DARE YOU INSULT HIS LORDSHIP BOLZAR ?!?

NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR.
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR LACKIES.
WHAT DID YOU CALL ME, WHELP?
TWIN!

ACK

MY NAME IS KAZAN.
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE

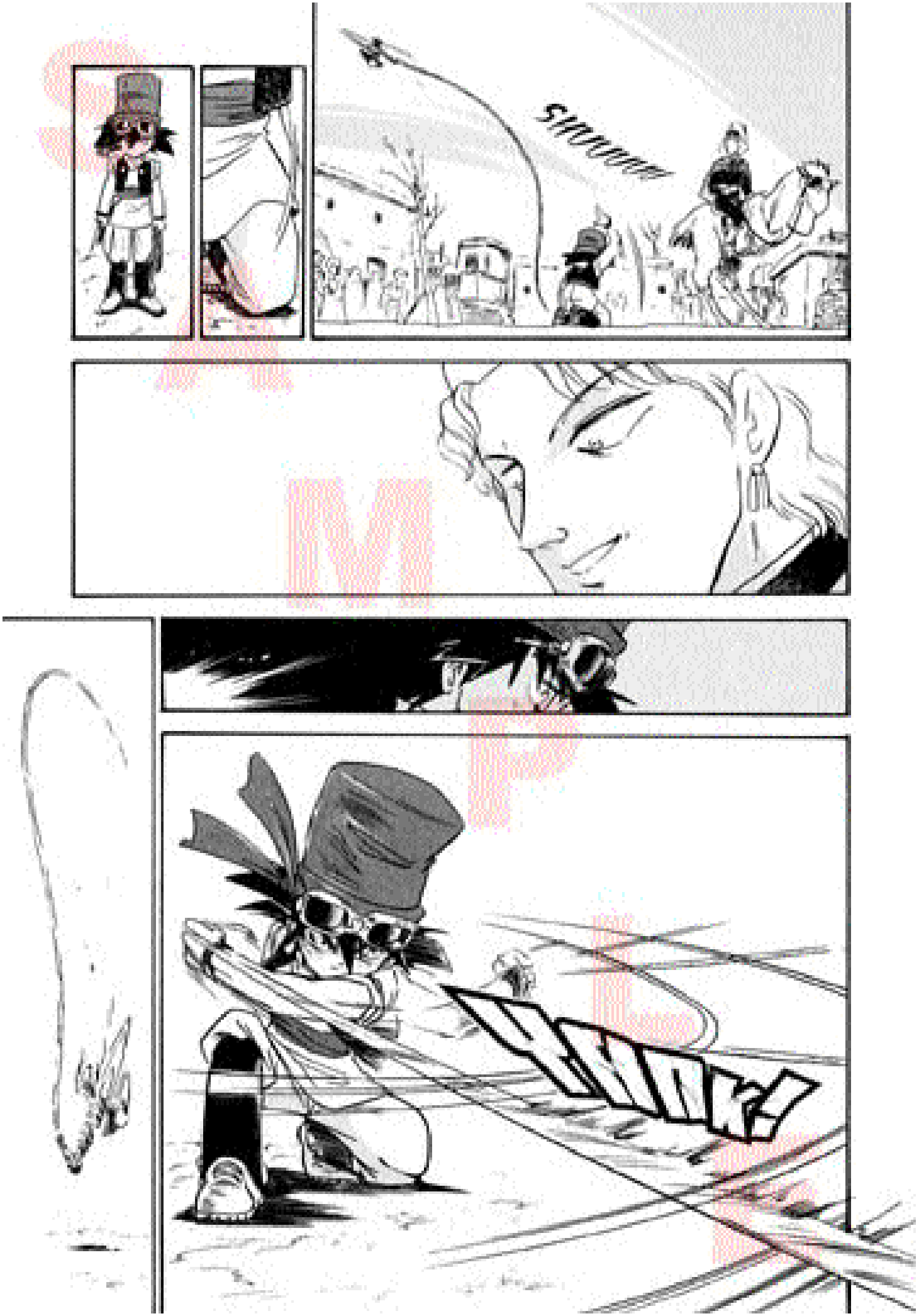
I'M NOT A LITTLE BOY.
YOU LITTLE

SHATTER
TWIST
GRAB
AAH
SLASH
BOOM

GAAAH
. . .
MY FEET
. . .
WOW
. . .
KAZAN CAN REALLY FIGHT..
I'M THROUGH PLAYING AROUND.
NOW THEN, WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME?
ATTACK, JIGULY

SWHOOSH
...
...
EH ?
NO . . .
MPH
HE'S GOING AFTER THE GIRL!
SWOOSH
HAHAHAHAHAHAH LITTLE MAN! DON'T YOU CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GIRL?

THROW DOWN YOUR SWORD! ON YOUR KNEES!
BEG ME TO SPARE YOUR LIFE!


SHUUUUU

STAB!
KEEEEEHHHH!
AAAHH!
THUMP!
NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT...
GRAB
WALK
WALK
WALK
YOU'RE A LOWDOWN DIRTY LOUSE, AREN'T YOU ?
WALK
WALK
WALK
GRR . . .

JIGULY!
KILL HER!
AAAAHHH!

HUH ?
TURN
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME ...
TO GO HELP HER?

SHOOP
NOW ...
I WILL HAVE YOU SPEAK, WATER DEMON.
WHERE HAVE YOU TAKEN ELSIE ?!

?
THAT NAME AGAIN . . .
HUH ?

WHERE IS SHE? ANSWER ME!!!
ELSIE . . .
HE'S LOOKING FOR A GIRL NAMED ELSIE . . .
P-PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? KILL HIM!
I'LL GIVE YOU WATER FOR THE MONTH . . .
NO, WAIT, FREE WATER FOR A YEAR!!
CREEP
CREEP
CREEP
HE'S NOT EVEN SORRY!
DON'T, YOU FOOL!

WHOOOSH!
WHOOOSH!
KAMUSHIN!
WHEE!

FREEZE!
STAY OUT OF MY WAY!
OH OH AHHH
OH MY... HE COWED THOSE PEOPLE WITH A LOOK!
WHAT AN UN-CANNY CHILD!
YOU-WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BOY'S WHITE EAGLE?

PUNCH!
SLAP!
KICK!
PUNCH!
I DON'T KNOW . . .
I REALLY DON'T . . .
I . . .
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF AN ELSIE . . .
FORGIVE ME . . . KKKKK
HAA HAA HAA
OLD LADY!
GULP

HOW LONG . . .
HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN DOING THIS?
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS NOW . .
IN THIS REGION, THE ONLY WELLS THAT GIVE WATER ARE THIS ONE, AND THE ONE ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, IN HIS MANSION.
HIS FATHER WAS A GENEROUS MAN WHO, LONG AGO, DUG THIS WELL FOR THE VILLAGE.
BUT HE DIED, FIVE YEARS AGO.
AND LEFT THIS GREEDY KNOW-NOTHING TO TAKE HIS PLACE ...
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA

CRANK
CRANK
HAA
HAA
POUR
HAAAH
AHAHAHH
AHAHHAH
LOOK
EVERYONE!
THIS WELL
IS FINISHED!

I'VE POURED POISON INTO IT! HAHAHAHAHAH . . . YOU'RE DOOMED!
YOU'RE ALL GOING TO SHRIVEL UP AND DIE !!!
WHA . . .
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
YOU!!
HEE-HEE HEEH
AND I WON'T SHARE A DROP OF THE WATER FROM MY MANSION WITH YOU!
IT'S ALL MINE!!
OUT OF THE WAY KAZAN!
RUN
RUN
RUN

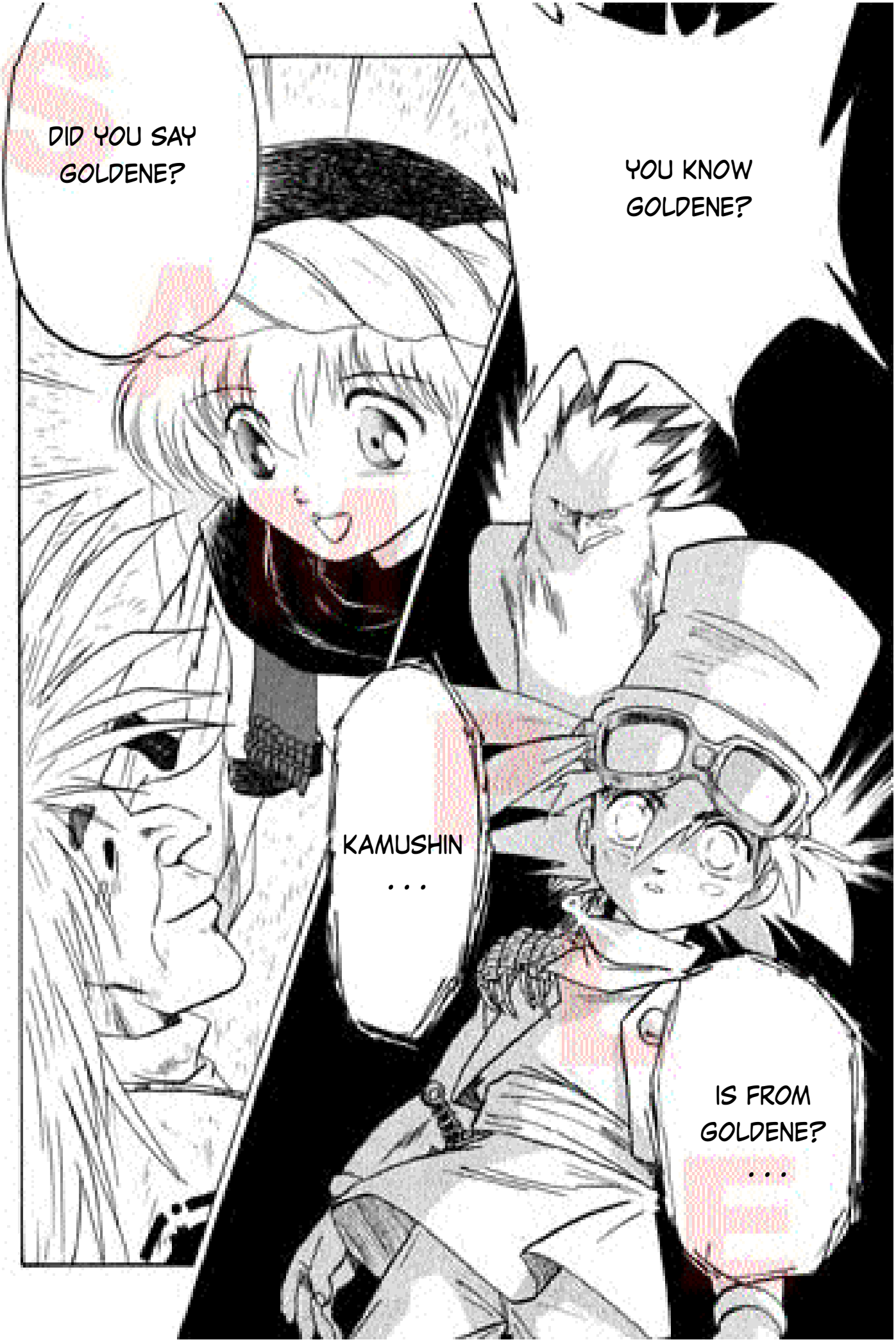
THE WATER IS TURNING PURPLE FAST . . .
I CAN'T . . .
BUT . . .
I HAVE TO!

OOOOH
MORE . . .
MORE . . .
COME ON...
H
H
H
!
BIGGER !!!

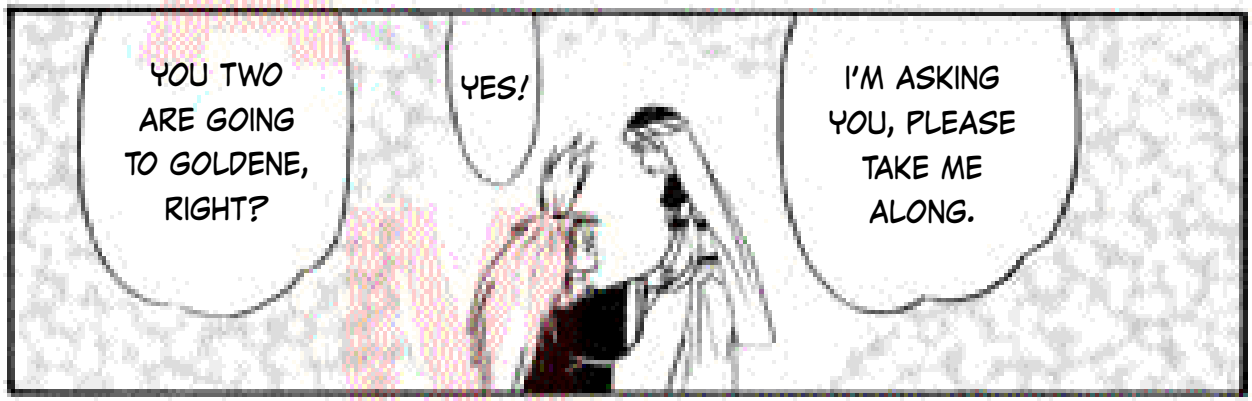
AAAA

PAAHH!

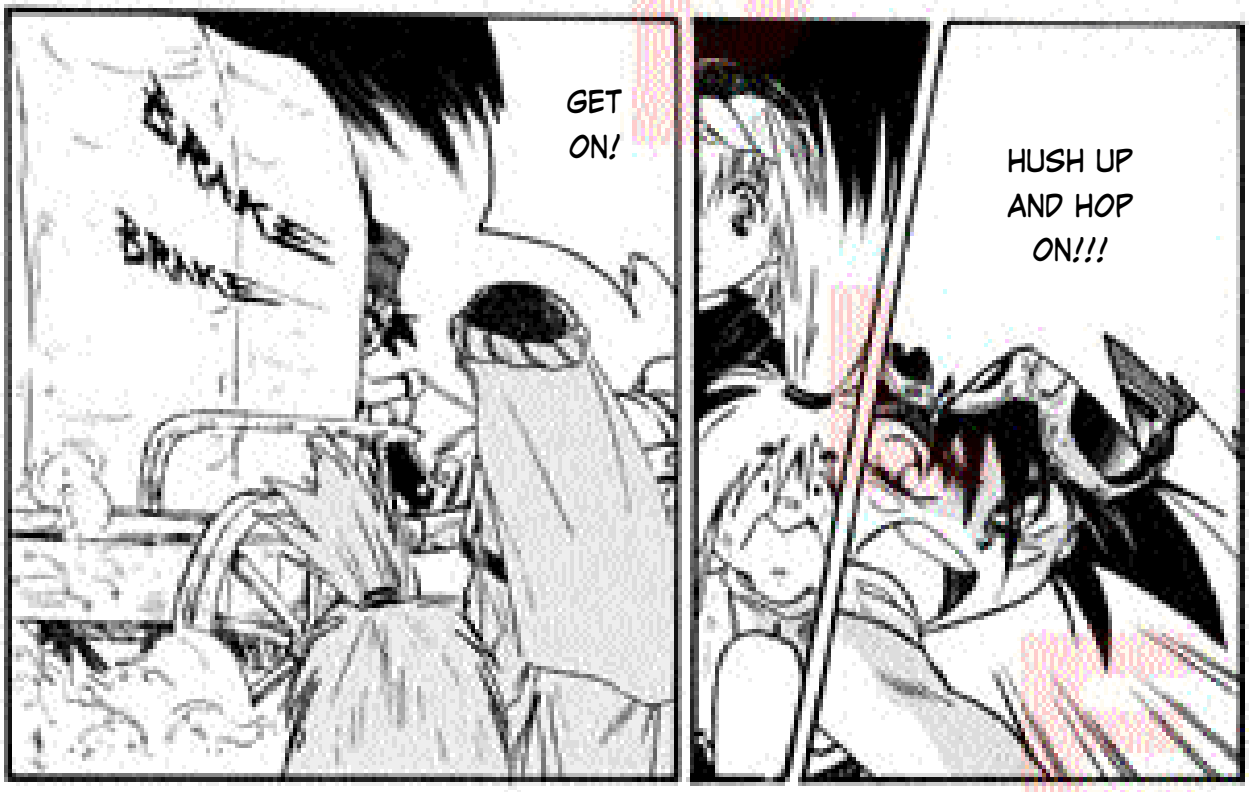
I...
I THINK IT'S SAFE NOW ...
HAA
THE POIS ON . . .
HAA
I REMOVED THE POISON . . .
HAA
HAA
WALK
WALK
WALK
HAA HAA
LITTLE GIRL, YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE...
WATER-WOMEN.
YOU ARE, AREN'T YOU ?
AND THAT BOY'S PET ...
IS THE WHITE EAGLE OF GOLDENE!


DID YOU SAY GOLDENE?
YOU KNOW GOLDENE?
KAMUSHIN . . .
IS FROM GOLDENE? . . .

WATER
OH, NO!
SHE BRO-UGHT WATER ...
WHAT IS SHE?
IF WE JUST HAD HER...


YOU TWO ARE GOING TO GOLDENE, RIGHT?
YES!
I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE TAKE ME ALONG.

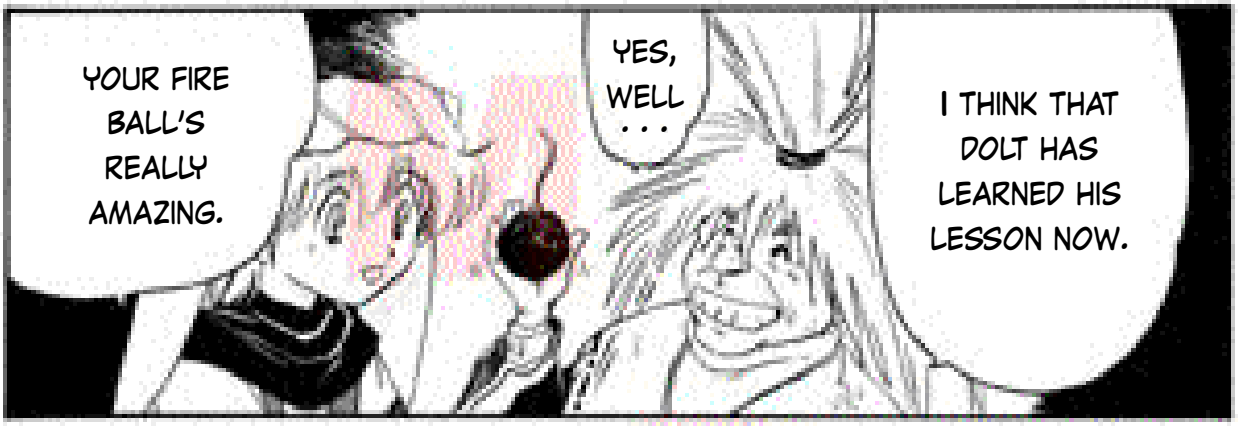
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE


CRANK
CRANK
GET ON!
HUSH UP AND HOP ON!!!

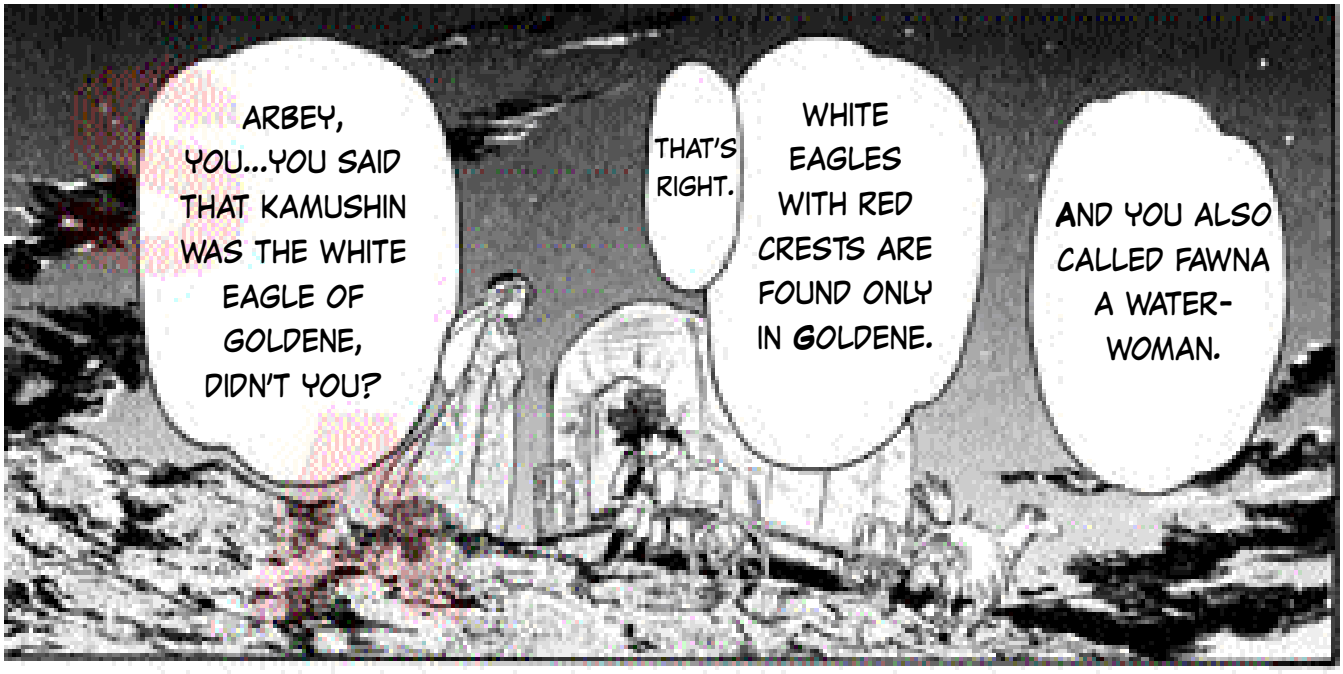
WHAT IS THAT?
HYAAA!
WHIP
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KAZAN !?
FAWNA!
DON'T USE THAT "POWER" SO MUCH!

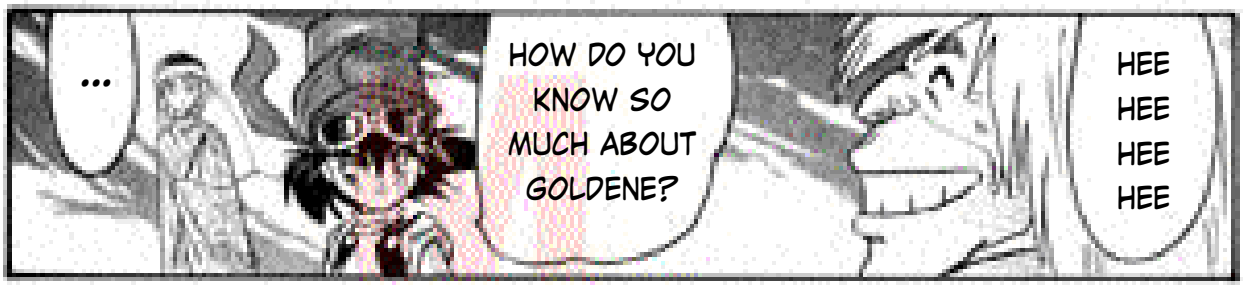
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
LISTEN, KAZAN.
LET'S TAKE A LITTLE DETOUR.
KRRR

HEEHEHEHE. OHHH, THAT FELT GOOD . . .
BLOWING IT UP LIKE THAT . . .


YOUR FIRE BALL'S REALLY AMAZING.
YES, WELL . . .
I THINK THAT DOLT HAS LEARNED HIS LESSON NOW.

THE WELL NOW BELONGS TO EVERY-ONE.
HEE HEE EEH EEH


ARBEY, YOU...YOU SAID THAT KAMUSHIN WAS THE WHITE EAGLE OF GOLDENE, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT.
WHITE EAGLES WITH RED CRESTS ARE FOUND ONLY IN GOLDENE.
AND YOU ALSO CALLED FAWNA A WATER-WOMAN.


...
HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT GOLDENE?
HEE HEE HEE HEE

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY.
I USED TO LIVE THERE.
SOMETHING HAPPENED, AND 18 YEARS AGO I WAS EXILED FROM THAT PLACE.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO BACK.

FAWNA . . .
. . . I'M GOING TO GO TO GOLDENE TOO.
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO FIND OUT.
KAZAN, LOOK AT THIS.
SEE ?
KAZAN!
KAZA-AAA-ANNN!
IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS JUST BORN.

I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS KIND OF BIRD BEFORE.
IT'S GOT RED FEATHERS ONLY ON ITS HEAD.
THE LITTLE BIRD THAT ELSIE BROUGHT THAT DAY . . .
WAS KAMUSHIN ....
THERE IS ONE PROBLEM.
GOLDENE IS ENCLOSED BY TALL CASTLE WALLS.
FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, THAT COUNTRY HAS NEVER ALLOWED ANYONE FROM OUTSIDE.
BUT THEY MIGHT ALLOW A SINGLE EXCEPTION.

THAT IS . . .
YOU, FAWNA.
YOU'RE A WATER-WOMAN, SO YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ENTER GOLDENE.
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
I CAN SNEAK MY WAY IN.
HEHEHOHO-HO. SO YOUNG, SO NAIVE.
JUST LEAVE IT ALL TO ME.
I'M NOT THIS OLD FOR NOTHING.

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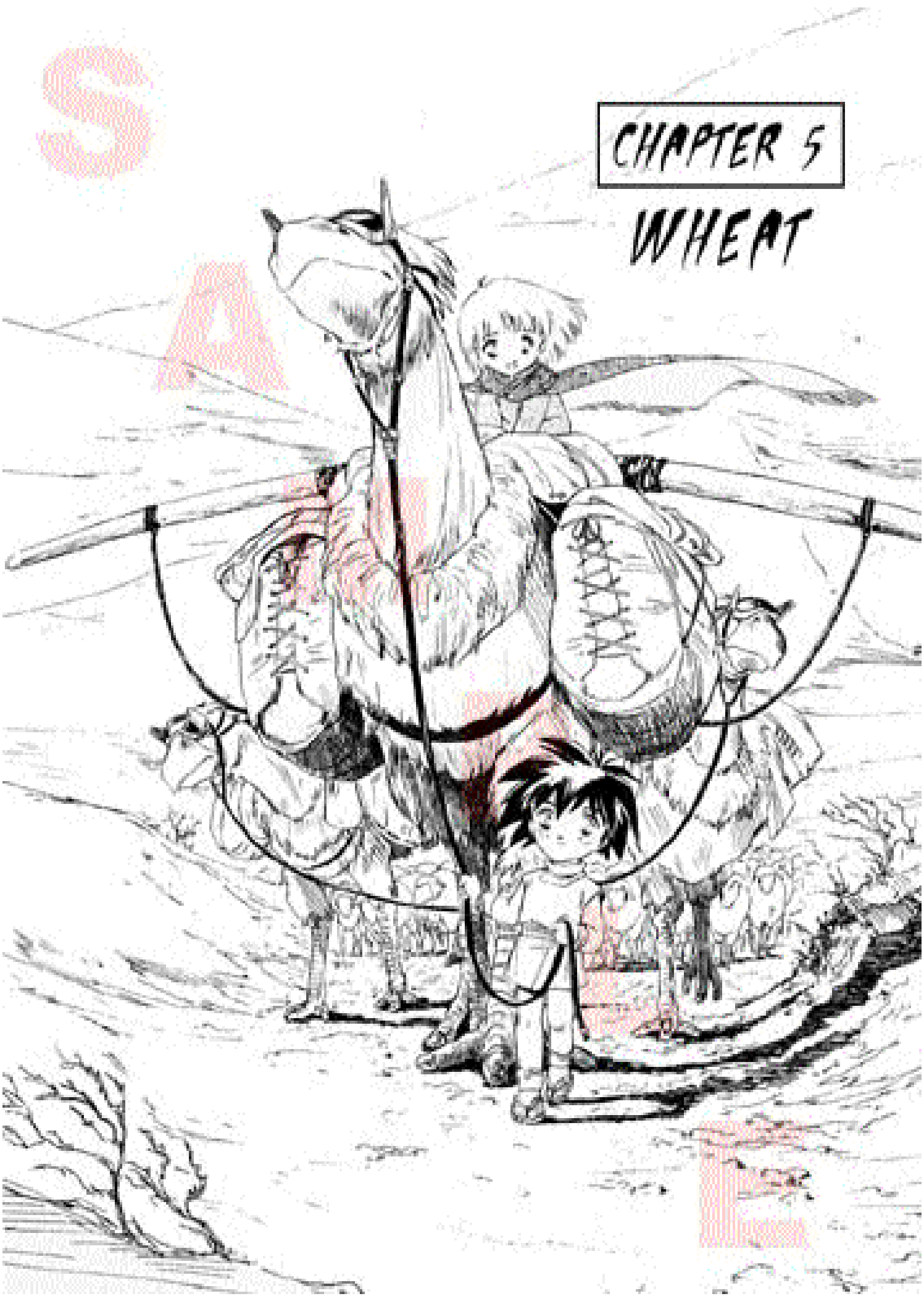
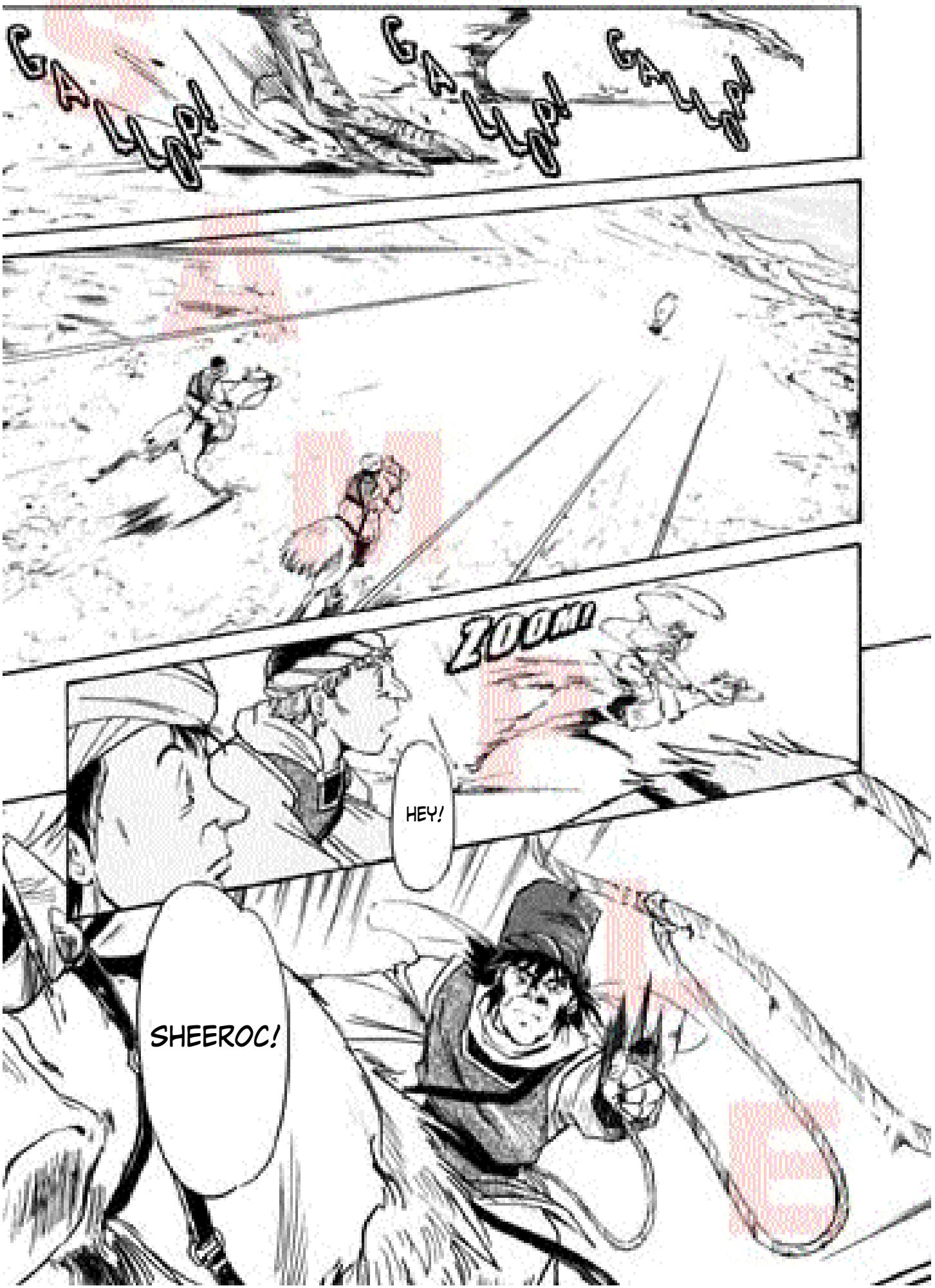
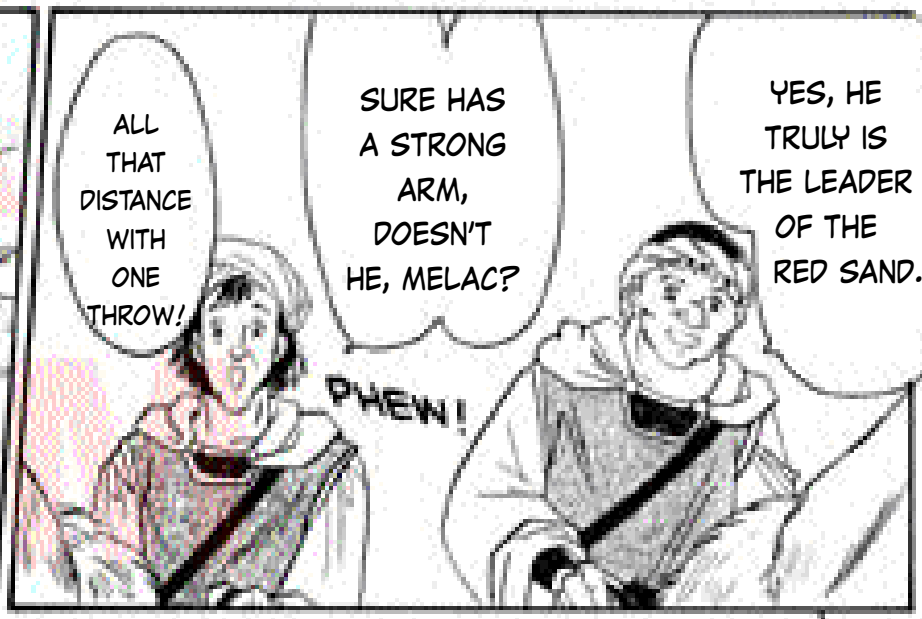

CHAPTER 5
WHEAT

...
NO GOOD . . .
BAA
BAA
BAA
BAA
HERE, TOO . . .
BAA
BAA
BAA
THIS SOIL IS ALL DRIED UP.
SCRATCH

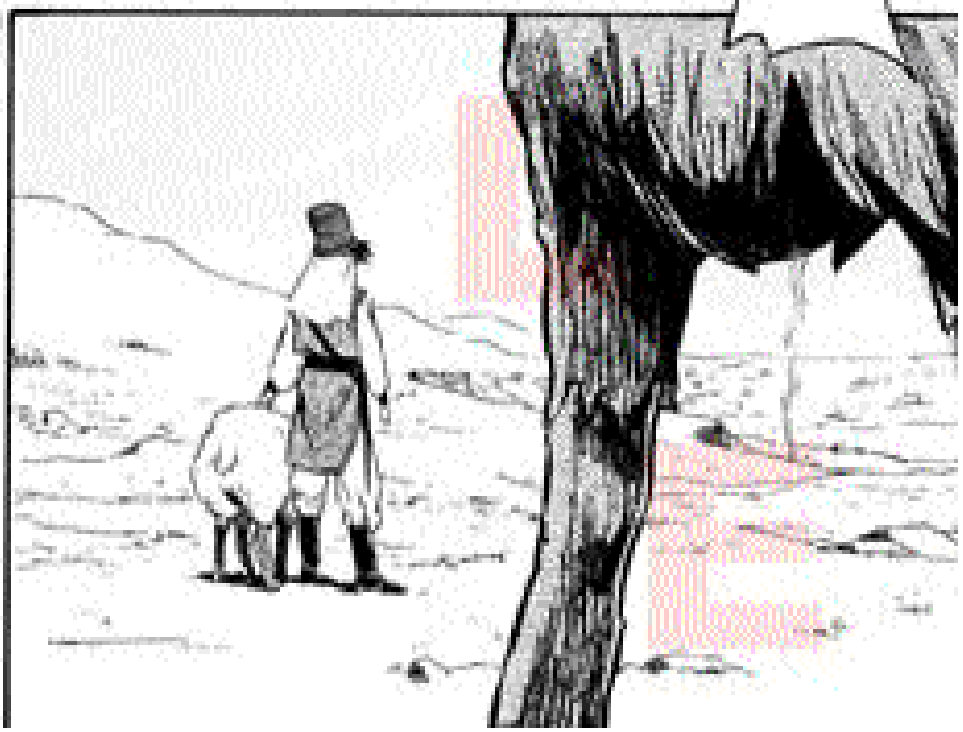
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
ISN'T THERE ANY WHEAT THAT CAN GROW ON THIS LAND?
ARE WE THERE YET, MOTHER?
JUST A LITTLE FARTHER. ONCE WE CROSS THAT MOUNTAIN...
BAA
BAA
BAA
BAA
IN SEARCH OF WATER, WE WANDER...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW...


GASP!
GASP!
GASP!
BOOM
HEY!
SHEEROC!

PET
PET

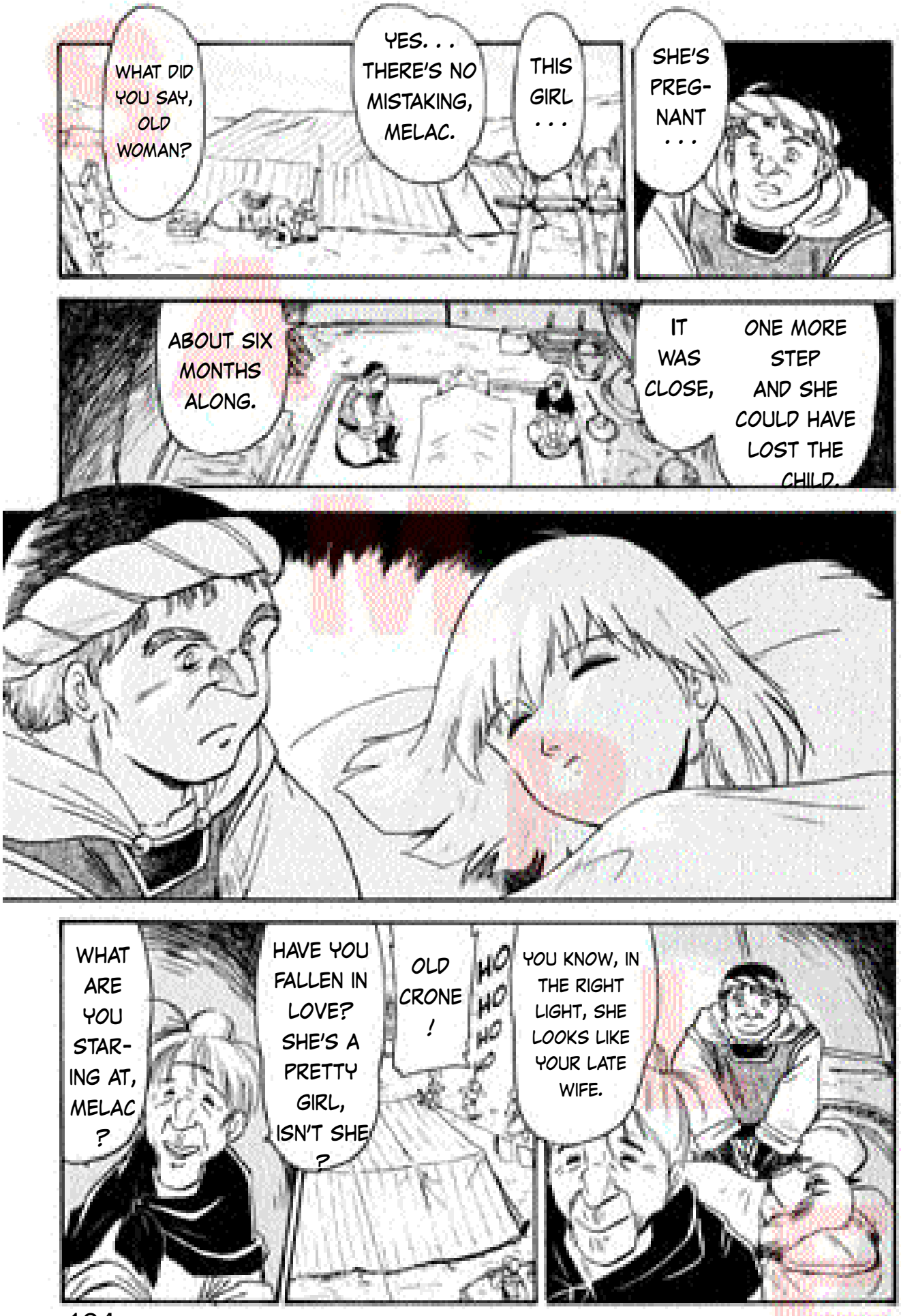

ALL THAT DISTANCE WITH ONE THROW!
SURE HAS A STRONG ARM, DOESN'T HE, MELAC?
PHEW!
YES, HE TRULY IS THE LEADER OF THE RED SAND.

IT'S OKAY, GOOD GIRL . . .
LET'S TAKE YOU BACK TO THE HERD.
SHEE-ROC!!



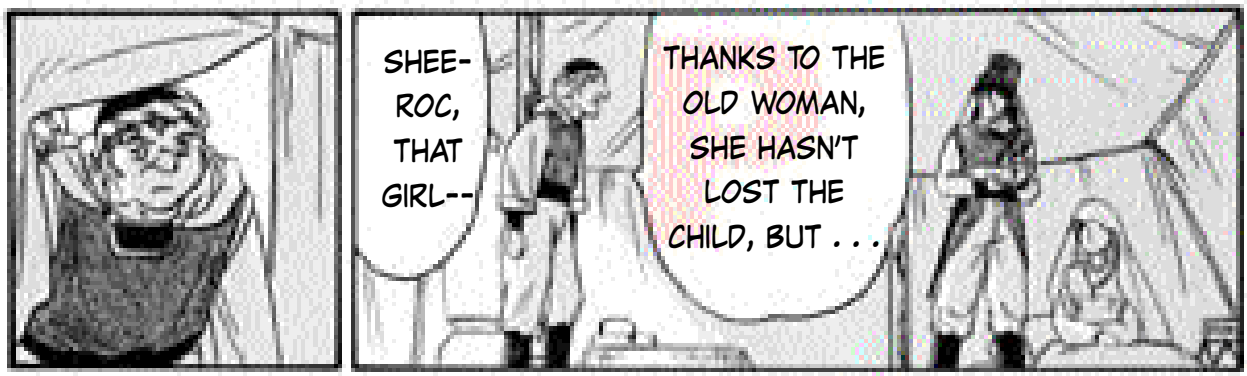
A RED SIGNAL FIRE . . .
A BIRTH, IT MUST BE YOUR CHILD!
TAKE CARE OF THE HERD!
HA! HE LOOKS HAPPY, THAT SHEEROC.
WELL OF COURSE HE DOES.
HE'S WAITED A LONG TIME TO BE BLESSED WITH A CHILD.

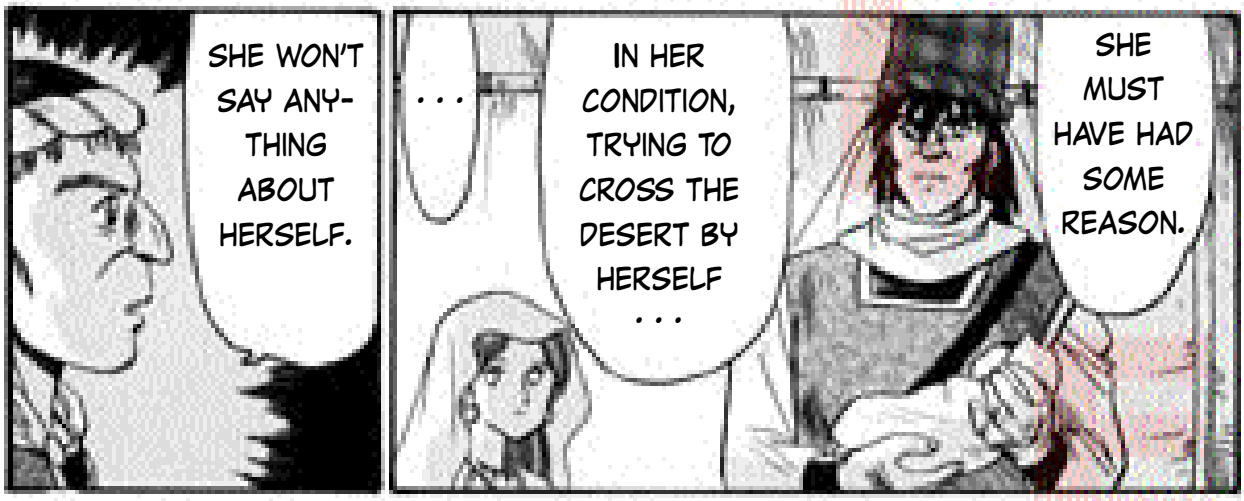
LET'S GO HOME, TOO.
HUH ? . .
R.I.P
SHEEROC! IS THE OLD WOMAN IN HERE?
CAN'T YOU BE QUIET ?! SHE JUST GAVE BIRTH.
HAA
HAA
HAA

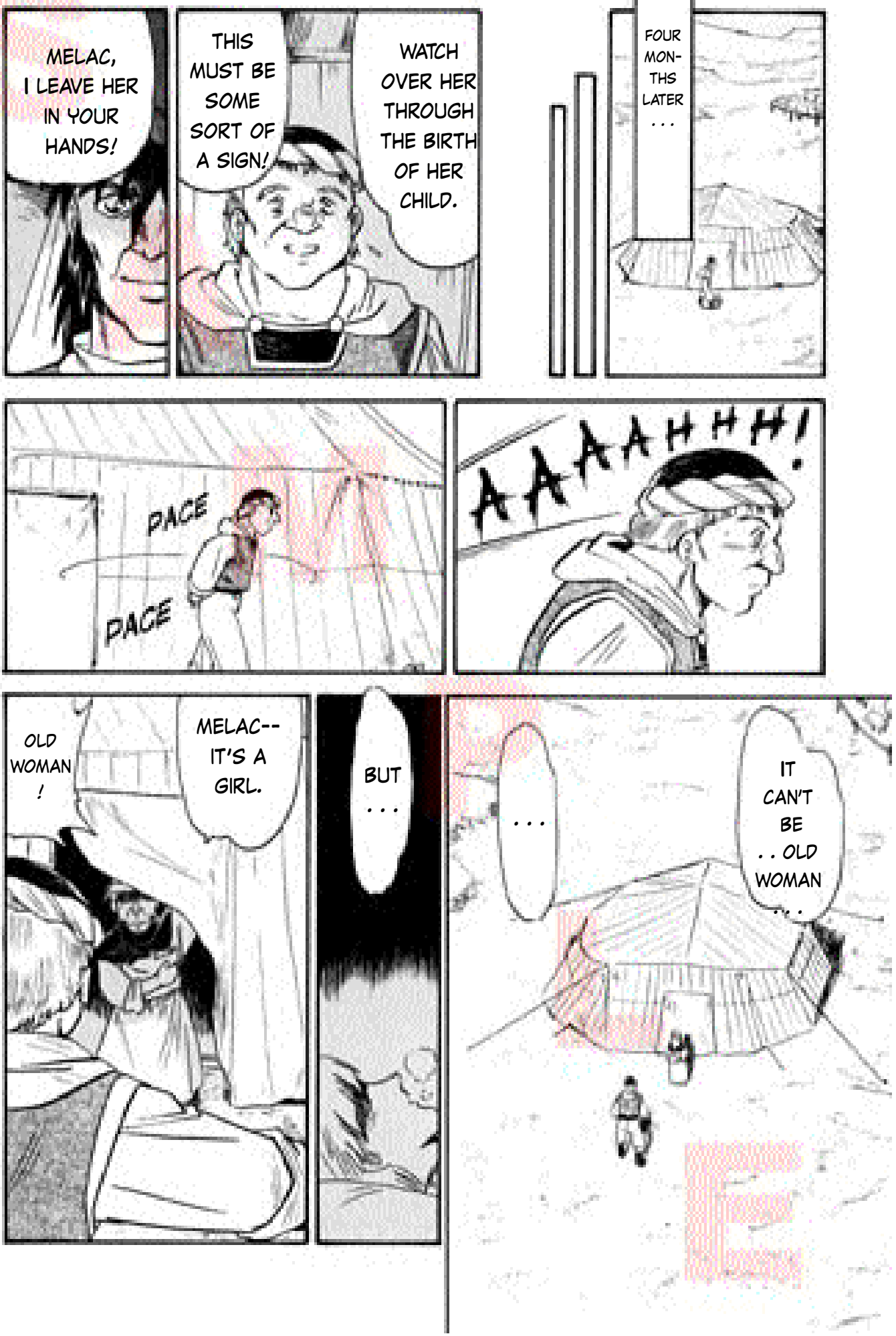

WHAT DID YOU SAY, OLD WOMAN?
YES. . . THERE'S NO MISTAKING, MELAC.
THIS GIRL . . .
SHE'S PREG- NANT . . .
ABOUT SIX MONTHS ALONG.
IT WAS CLOSE,
ONE MORE STEP AND SHE COULD HAVE LOST THE CHILD.
WHAT ARE YOU STAR- ING AT, MELAC ?
HAVE YOU FALLEN IN LOVE? SHE'S A PRETTY GIRL, ISN'T SHE ?
OLD CRONE !
HO HO HO
YOU KNOW, IN THE RIGHT LIGHT, SHE LOOKS LIKE YOUR LATE WIFE.

OH, PAMELA.
YOU DID IT !
HE'S A HEALTHY BABY BOY, DEAREST.
ACTUALLY, PAMELA . . .
I CHOSE A NAME A LONG TIME AGO...
WELL, WHAT IS IT ?
AND NOW, LEADER OF THE RED SAND ...
PLEASE GIVE THIS CHILD HIS NAME.

KAZAN!
YOUR NAME WILL BE KAZAN!


SHEE-ROC, THAT GIRL--
THANKS TO THE OLD WOMAN, SHE HASN'T LOST THE CHILD, BUT . . .


SHE WON'T SAY ANY-THING ABOUT HERSELF.
. . .
IN HER CONDITION, TRYING TO CROSS THE DESERT BY HERSELF . . .
SHE MUST HAVE HAD SOME REASON.


MELAC, I LEAVE HER IN YOUR HANDS!
THIS MUST BE SOME SORT OF A SIGN!
WATCH OVER HER THROUGH THE BIRTH OF HER CHILD.
FOUR MON-THS LATER . . .
PACE
PACE
AAAAHHH!
OLD WOMAN !
MELAC-- IT'S A GIRL.
BUT . . .
. . .
IT CAN'T BE . . OLD WOMAN . . .

STAY WITH HER.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE LONG...
CAN YOU HEAR ME? IT'S A GIRL!
SHE'S A HEALTHY CHILD! SHE'S YOUR CHILD!
E... ELSIE ...
ELSIE...? IS THAT THE CHILD'S NAME?
PLEASE ...TAKE CARE OF HER.

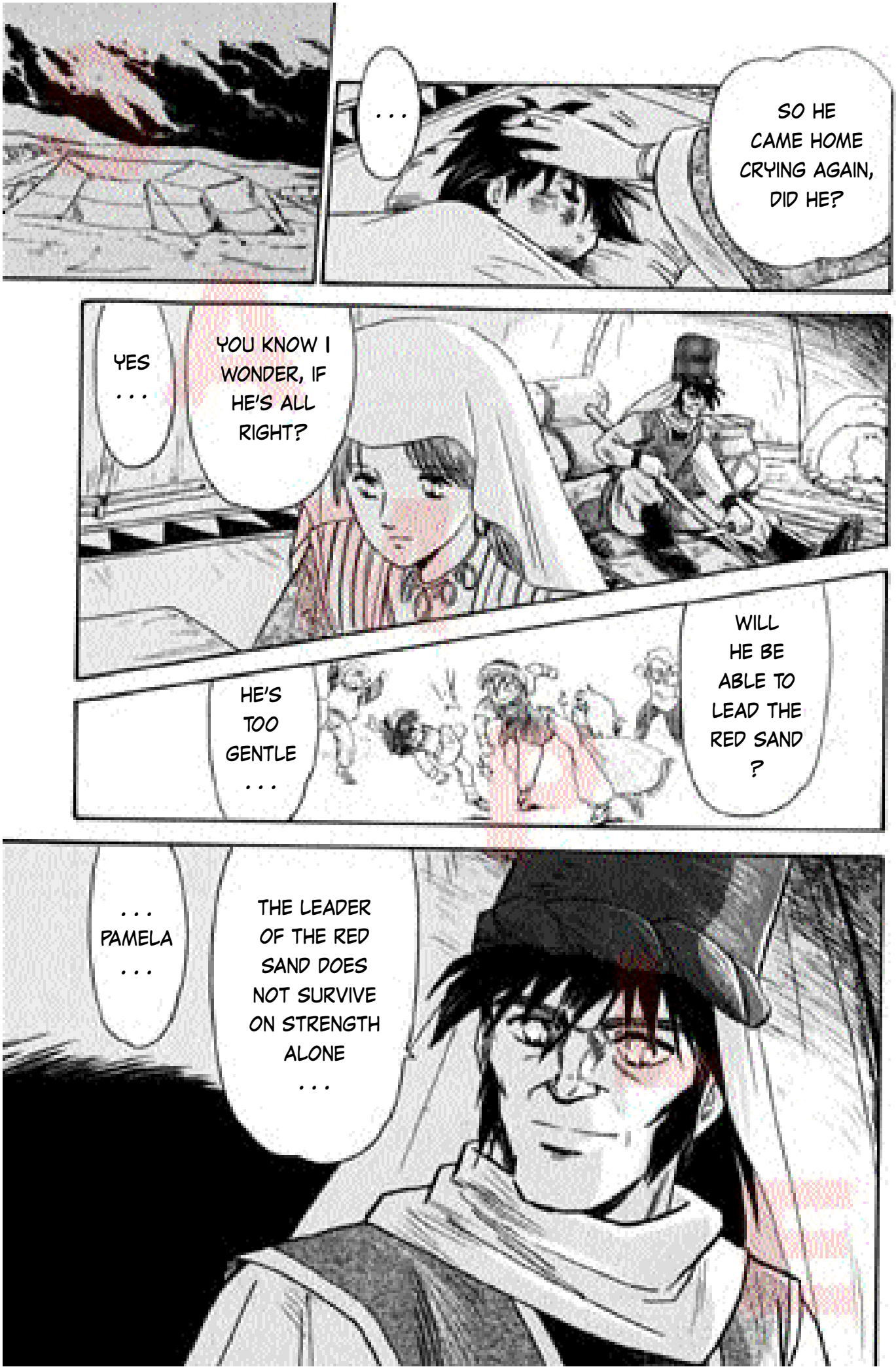
WHEN ELSIE... TURNS 8...
GIVE HER...
THAT BOX ...
M... MASTER MELAC
THANK YOU ...
...
... HEY ...
HEY!
SHEE-ROC ...
I WILL RAISE HER CHILD.

MANY YEARS LATER . . .
CLANG!
WOO
WOO
WOO
WOO
CLANG!
OHH!
WE HAVE A WIN-NER!
POINT
EXCEL-LENT!

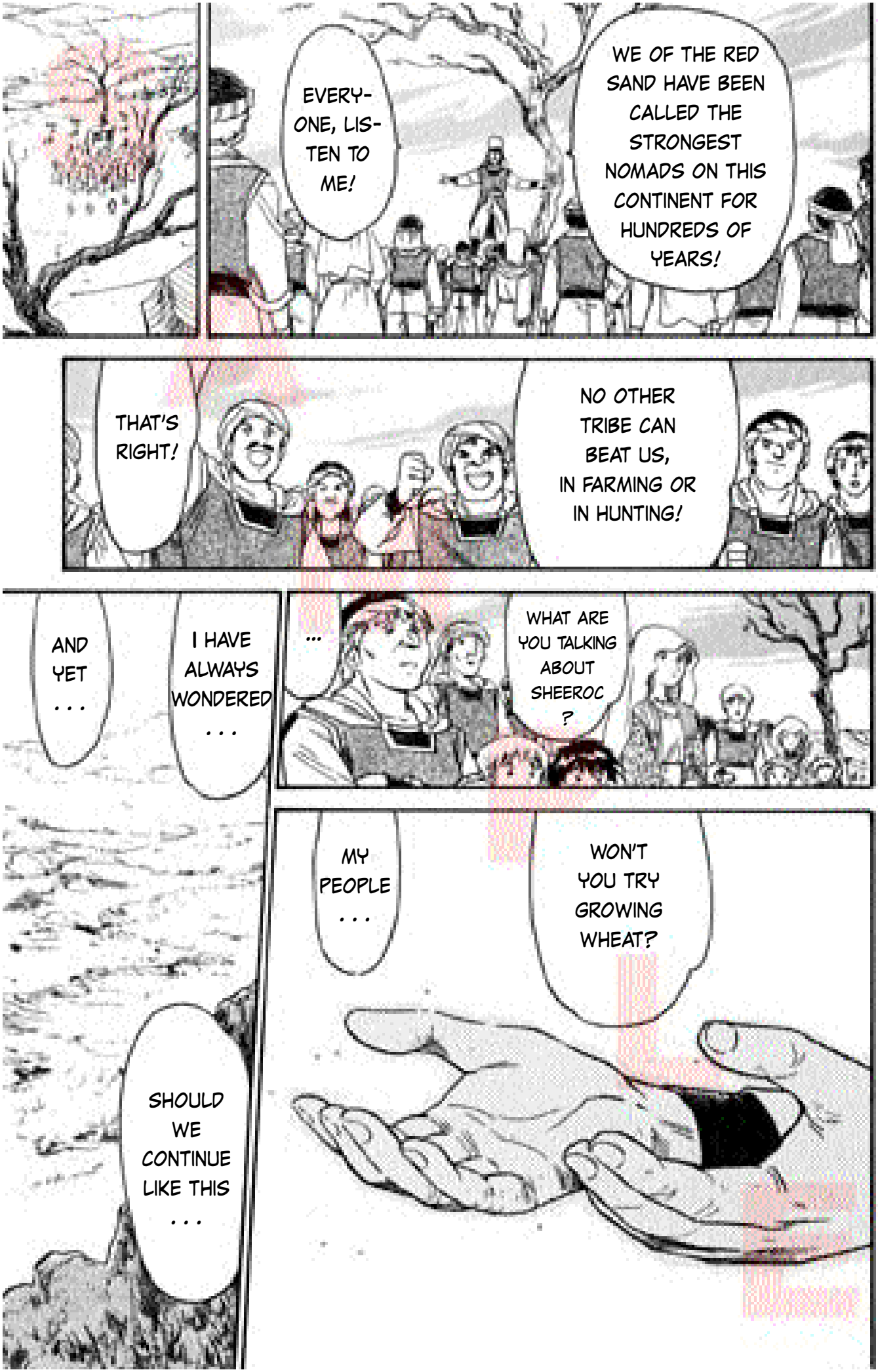
WOW, SHEEROC !!!
THAT'S YOUR 97TH STRAIGHT WIN!
I'M DISAPPOINTED, SHEEROC, BUT YOU'VE BEATEN ME AGAIN FAIRLY!
HMMPH
AND I WILL AWARD YOU THE TWENTY HEAD OF SHEEP.
HAHAHAHA! NOW YOU KNOW THE POWER OF THE RED SAND!
COME HERE YOU !
HA HA HA! CAN'T CATCH US!
THAT REMINDS ME, SHEEROC, YOUR SON . . . KAZAN, RIGHT?
HE MUST BE GETTING BIG.

ELSIE, PLANT THERE, TOO.
OKAY
SWISH
PUNCH!
KAZAN!
... ARE YOU PLAYING FARMER AGAIN!!!
STOP IT! MUTORAH!
KAZAN AND I JUST PLANTED THAT!
ELSIE! WHEN HE GETS OLDER, HE'S GOING TO FOLLOW IN SHEEROC'S FOOTSTEPS!
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S OK FOR THE LEADER OF THE RED SAND TO DO SUCH GIRLY THINGS?!

COME ON, GET UP, KAZAN!
WAGGLE
I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT LIKE A MAN!
I...
I DON'T WANT TO...
FIGHT.
WHY YOU LITTLE ...
PUNCH
KICK
PUNCH
STOP IT! STOP IT!!


...
SO HE CAME HOME CRYING AGAIN, DID HE?
YES ...
YOU KNOW I WONDER, IF HE'S ALL RIGHT?
HE'S TOO GENTLE ...
WILL HE BE ABLE TO LEAD THE RED SAND ?
... PAMELA ...
THE LEADER OF THE RED SAND DOES NOT SURVIVE ON STRENGTH ALONE ...

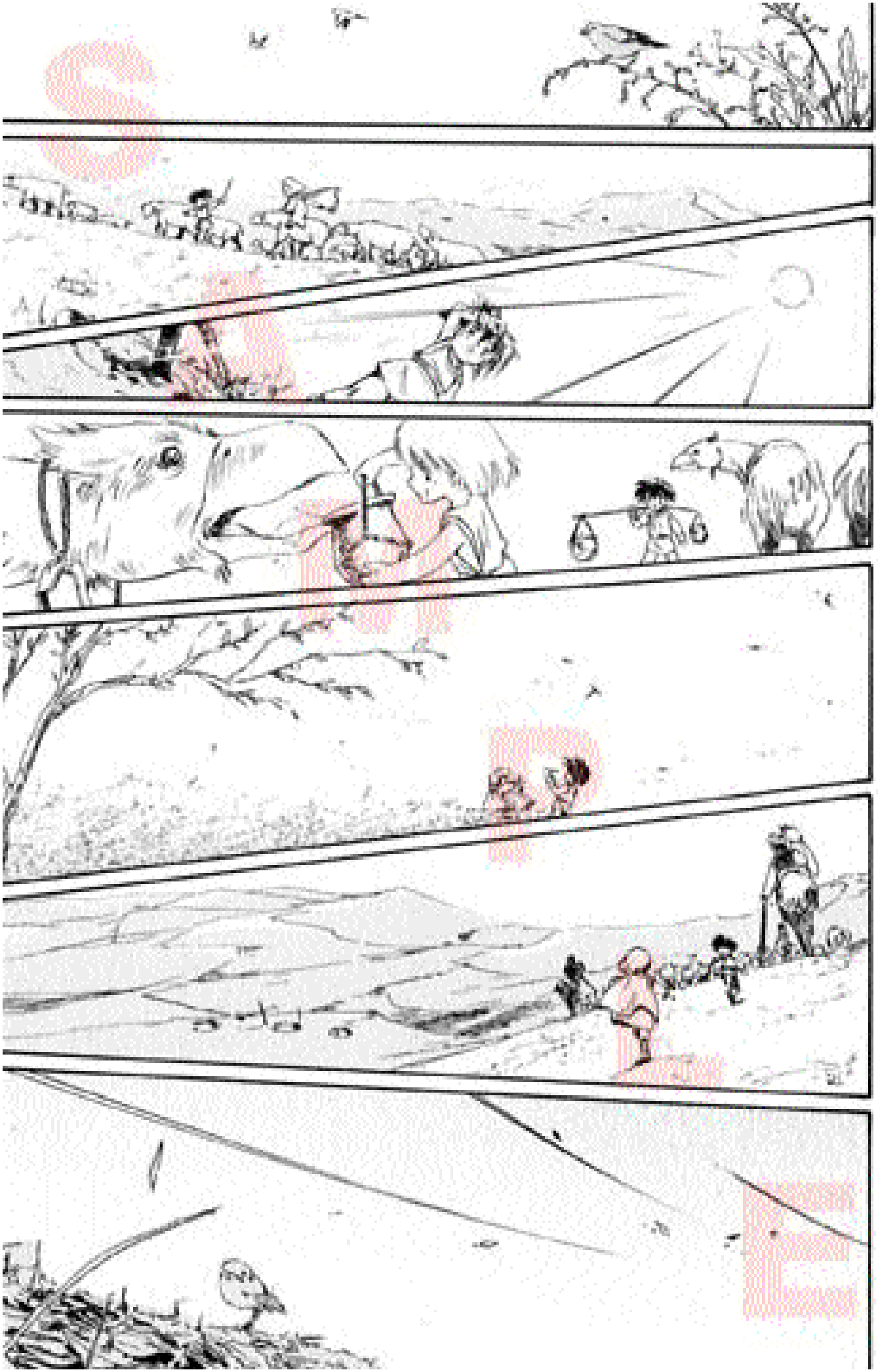
THIS BOY, HE LOVES LIVING THINGS.
THAT IS VERY IMPOR-TANT.
AND WHEN HE FINDS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO PROTECT . . .
HE WILL BECOME STRONG.
. . .
AND . . .
...
I . . .
I THINK THAT THE RED SAND MUST CHANGE AS WELL.

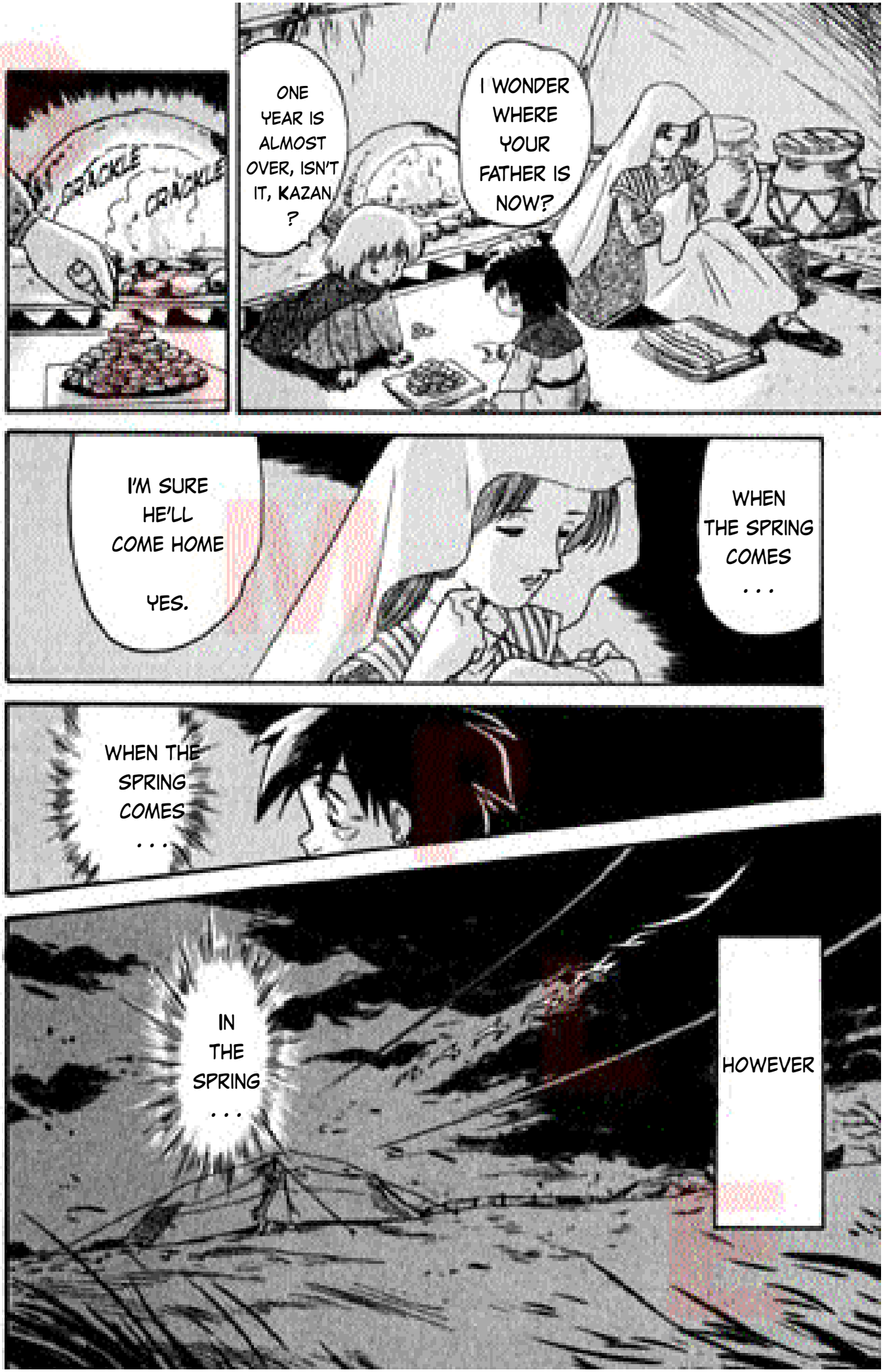

EVERY-ONE, LIS-TEN TO ME!
WE OF THE RED SAND HAVE BEEN CALLED THE STRONGEST NOMADS ON THIS CONTINENT FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
NO OTHER TRIBE CAN BEAT US, IN FARMING OR IN HUNTING!
...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT SHEEROC?
AND YET . . .
I HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED . . .
MY PEOPLE . . .
WON'T YOU TRY GROWING WHEAT?
SHOULD WE CONTINUE LIKE THIS . . .

WHEAT . . .
WHEAT . . .
DID HE SAY WHEAT?
SHEEROC! DO YOU WANT TO GIVE UP THE PRIDE OF THE NOMADS ?
THAT IS NOT IT.
I WANT TO LIVE AND PUT DOWN STRONG ROOTS IN THE LAND!
THAT'S GREAT, BUT NO WHEAT CAN GROW IN THIS PARCHED LAND.
IT WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY DROUGHT RESISTANT WHEAT.
THAT JUST MEANS . . .
WE HAVE TO FIND IT!!
I IMPLORE ALL OF YOU! JUST GIVE ME A YEAR!

TAKE CARE OF THINGS WHILE I'M GONE MELAC?
OF COURSE! LEAVE IT TO ME!
TAKE CARE, DEAR HEART.
FATHER . . .
I . . .
I'LL BE THE FIRST TO PLANT YOUR WHEAT!

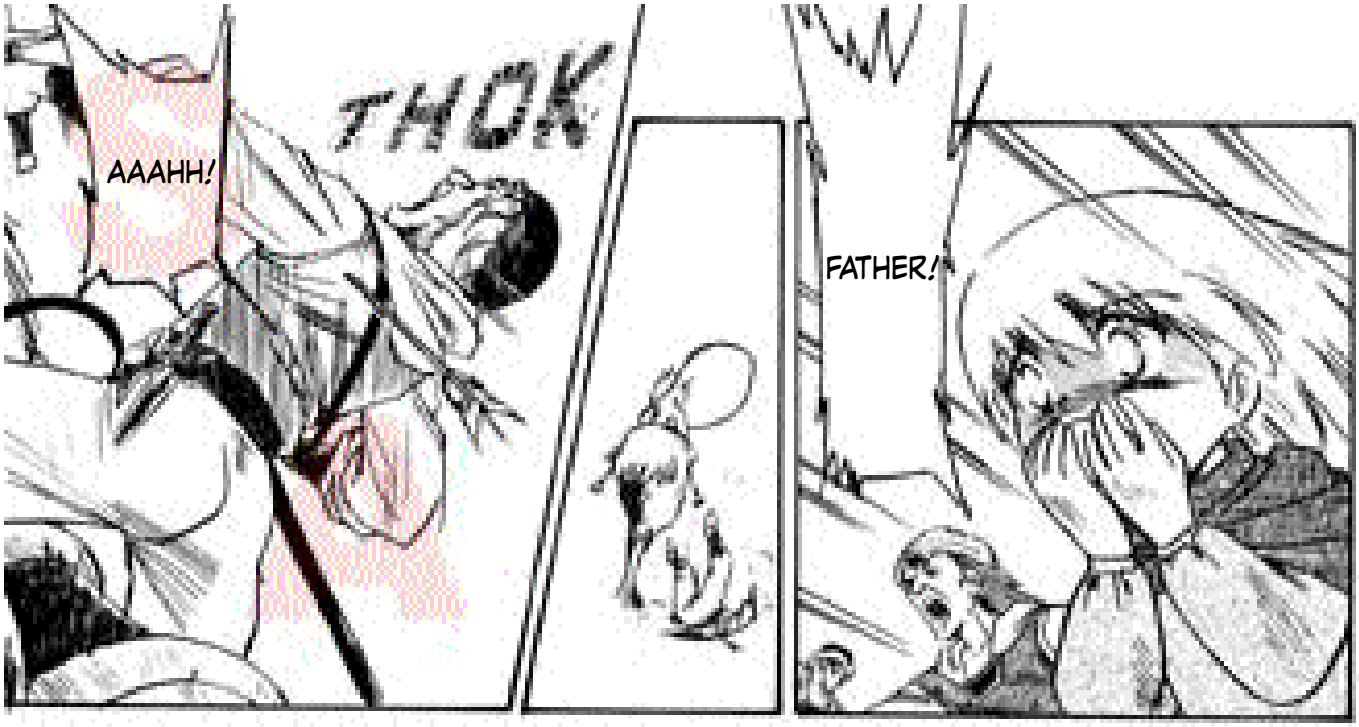
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP
I PROMISE YOU!
I WILL RETURN WITH THE STRONGEST WHEAT!!
PUMP

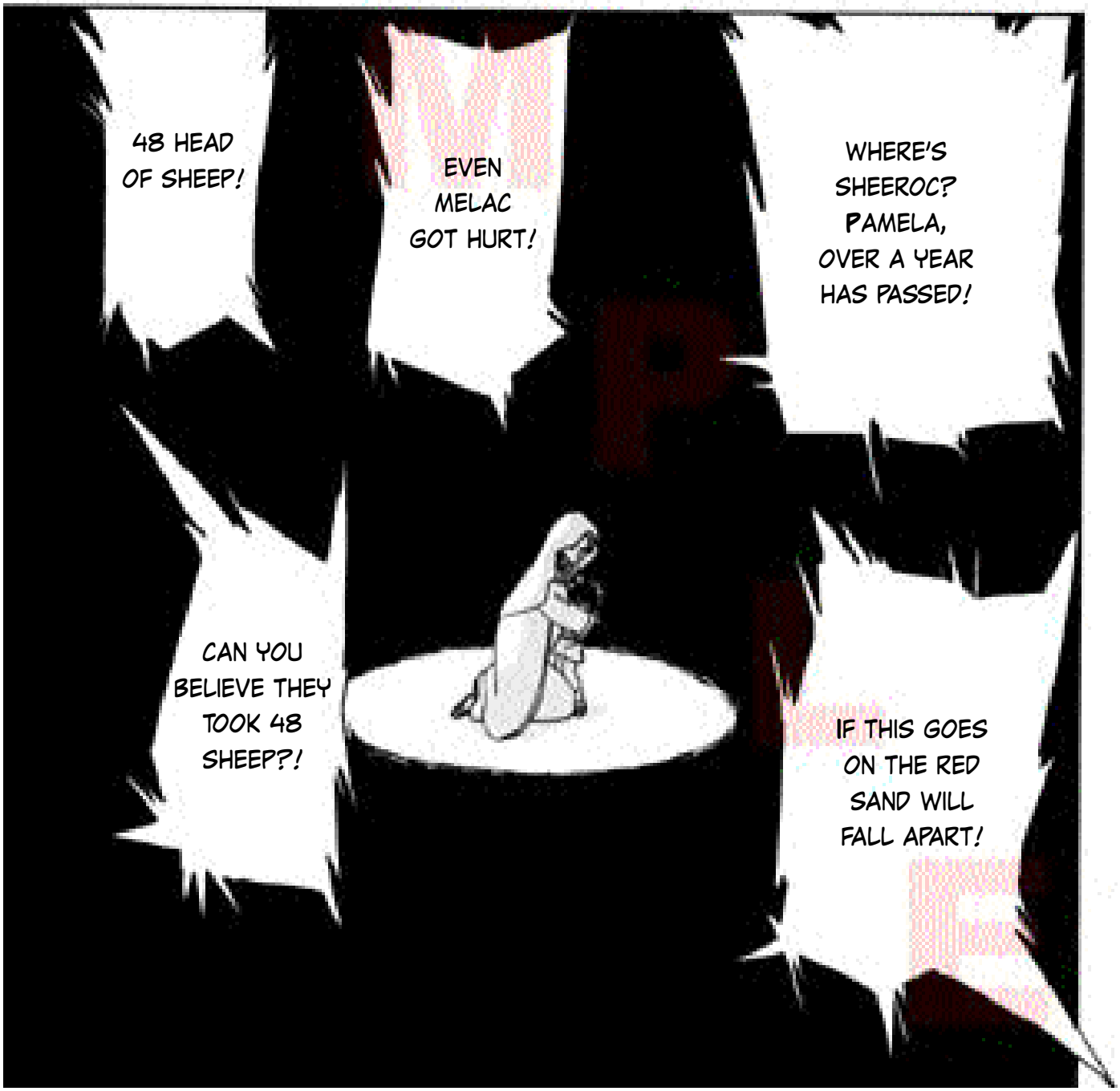


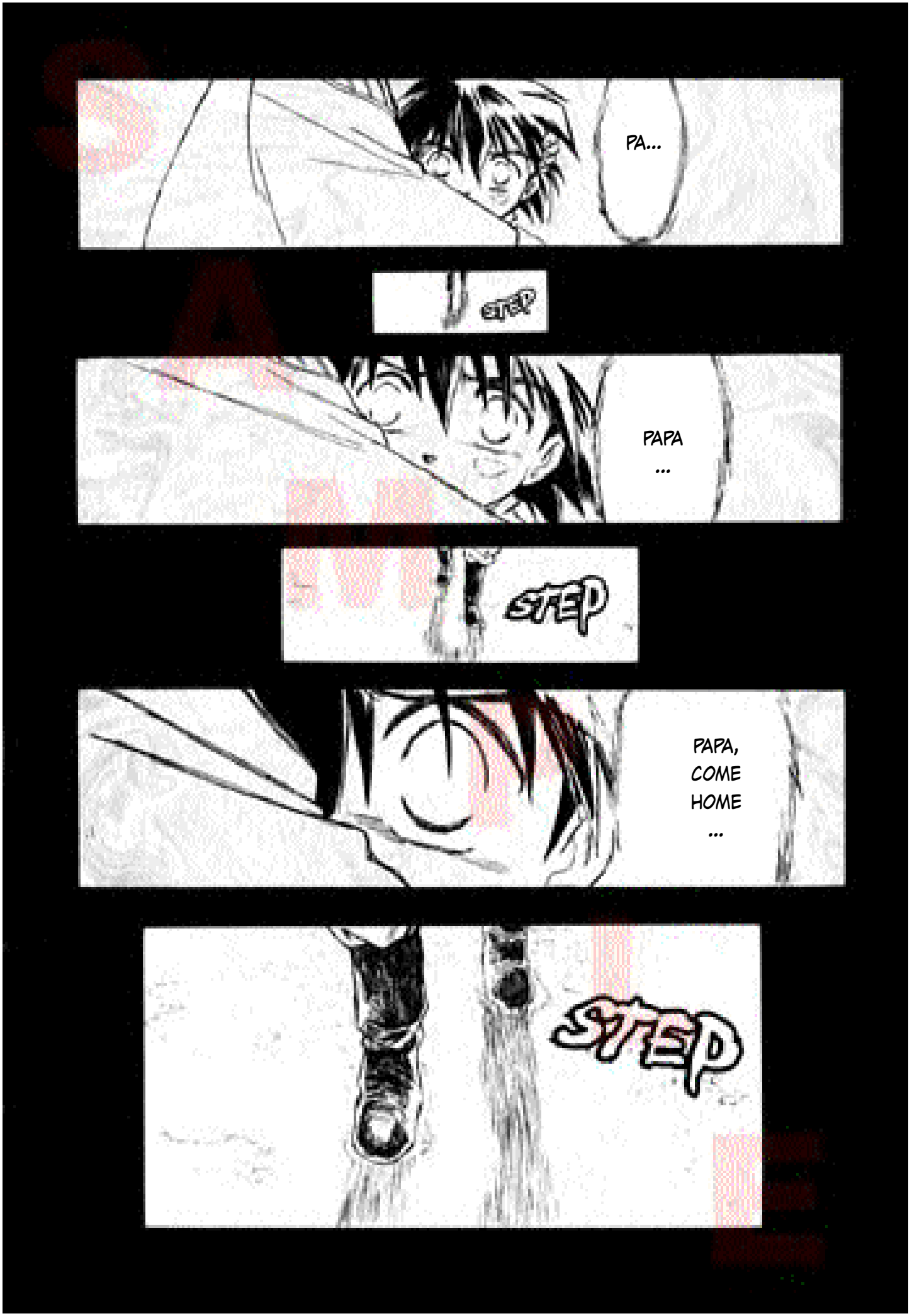

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
ONE YEAR IS ALMOST OVER, ISN'T IT, KAZAN ?
I WONDER WHERE YOUR FATHER IS NOW?
I'M SURE HE'LL COME HOME
YES.
WHEN THE SPRING COMES . . .
WHEN THE SPRING COMES . . .
IN THE SPRING . . .
HOWEVER

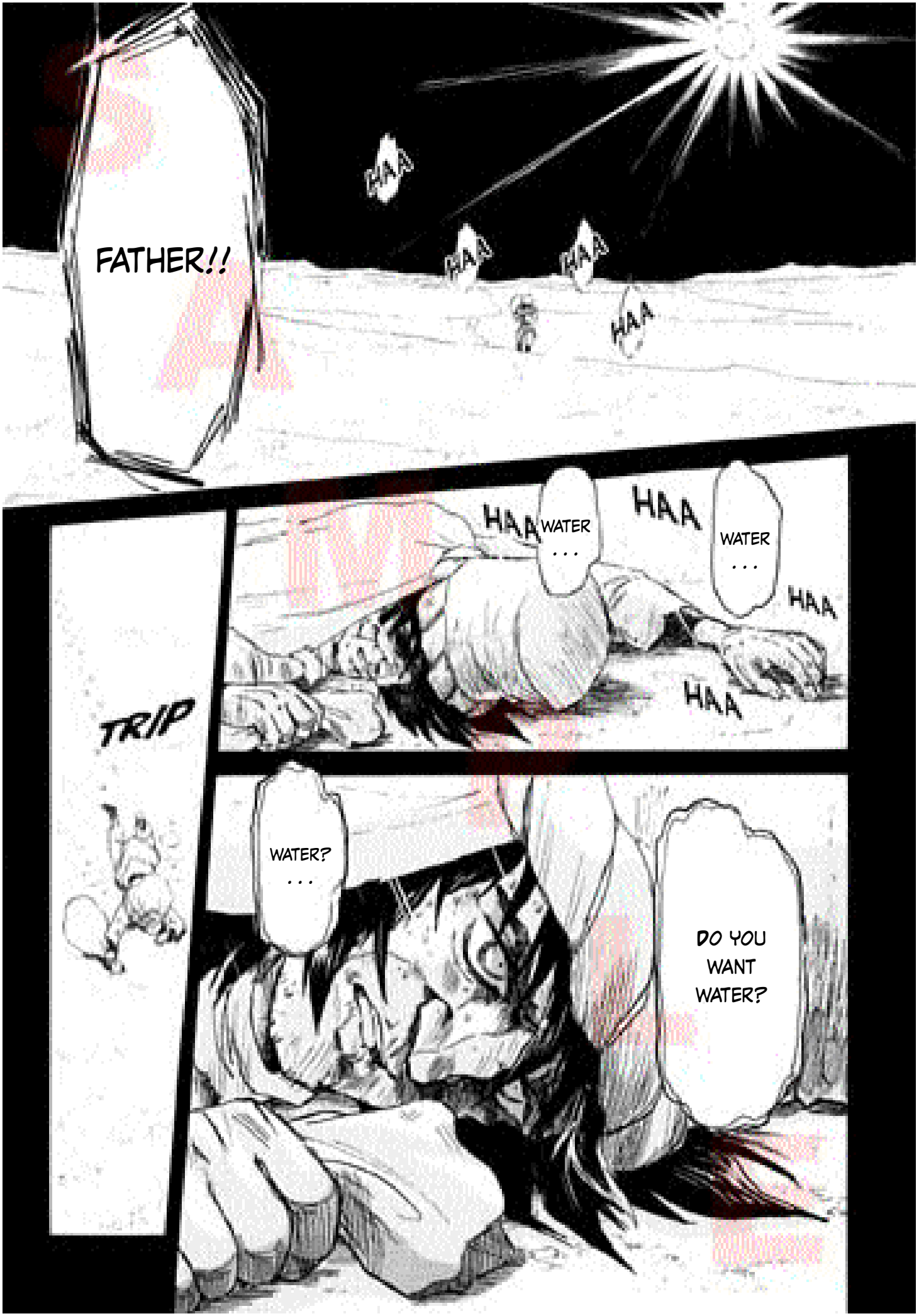
A YEAR PASSED AND STILL SHEEROC DID NOT RETURN.
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!
AHHH!
RUN AWAY!
HAHA!
SO IT'S TRUE THAT SHEE-ROC HAS LEFT THEM.
THE RED SAND WITHOUT THEIR LEADER ARE EASY PICKINGS!
KICK

!
THE RED SAND WITHOUT THEIR LEADER ARE EASY PICKINGS!
THE RED SAND ARE NEVER FINISHED!
GALLOP!
GALLOP!
UH OH . . .
RETREAT, RETREAT!!
BAA
BAA
BAA
THE SHEEP . . .
WAIT!!
THWACK!


AAAHH!
THOK
FATHER!


48 HEAD OF SHEEP!
EVEN MELAC GOT HURT!
WHERE'S SHEEROC? PAMELA, OVER A YEAR HAS PASSED!
CAN YOU BELIEVE THEY TOOK 48 SHEEP?!
IF THIS GOES ON THE RED SAND WILL FALL APART!

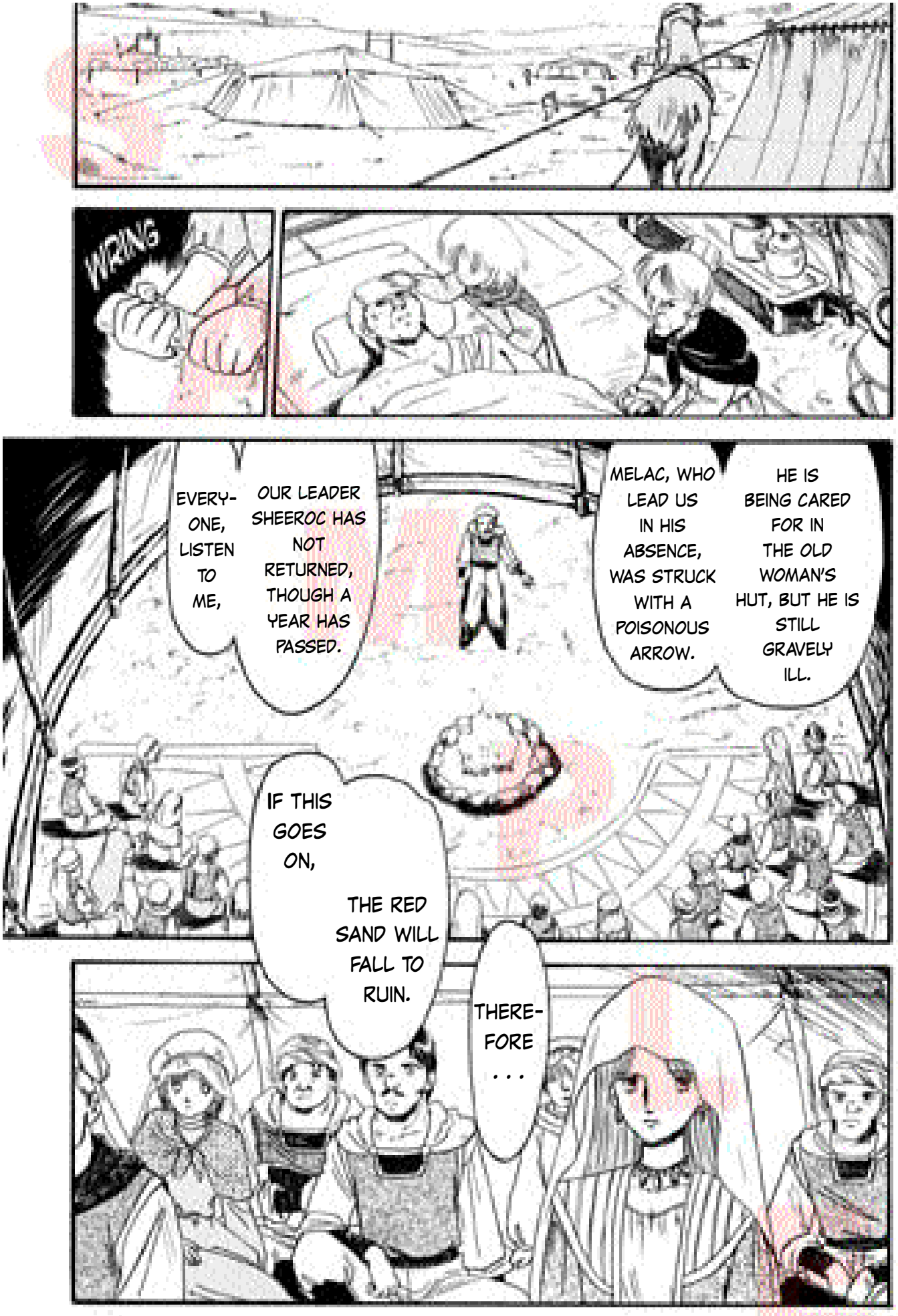

PA...
STEP
PAPA
...
STEP
PAPA,
COME
HOME
...
STEP

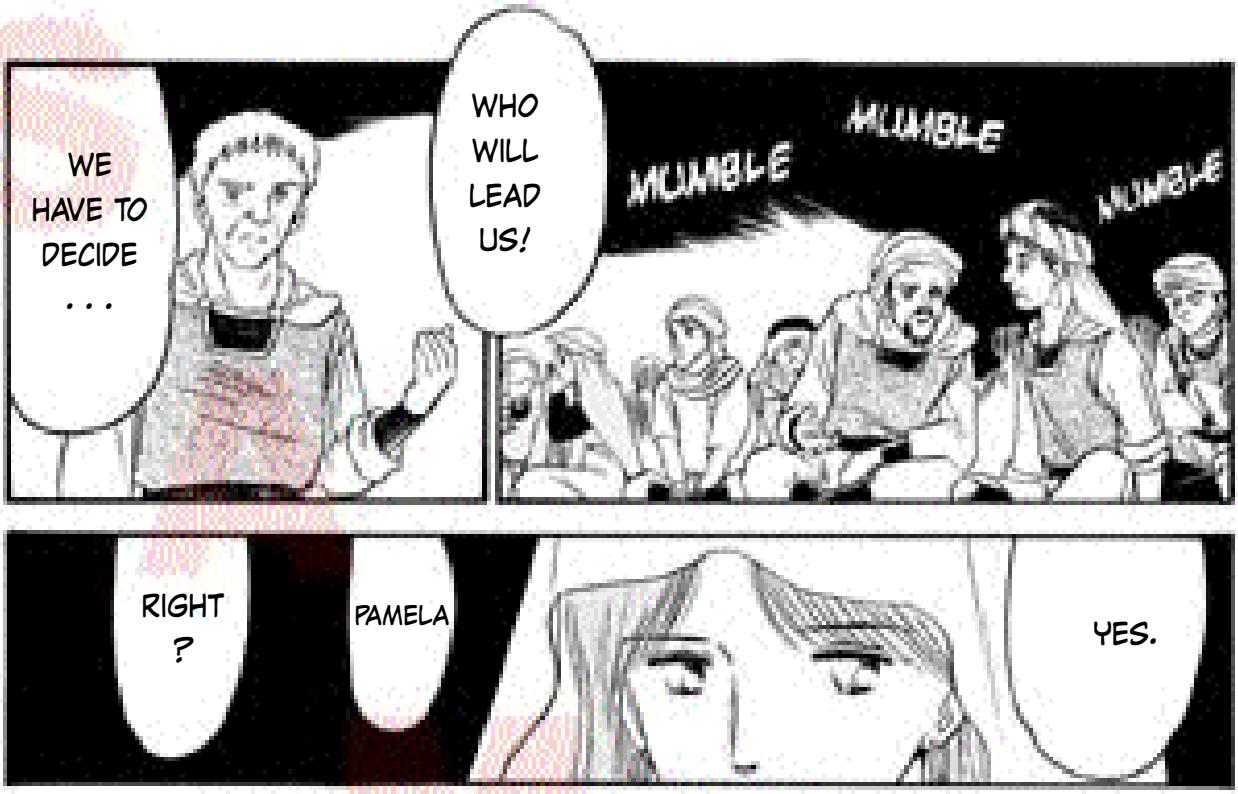

FATHER!!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
WATER
. . .
HAA
WATER
. . .
HAA
HAA
TRIP
WATER?
. . .
DO YOU
WANT
WATER?

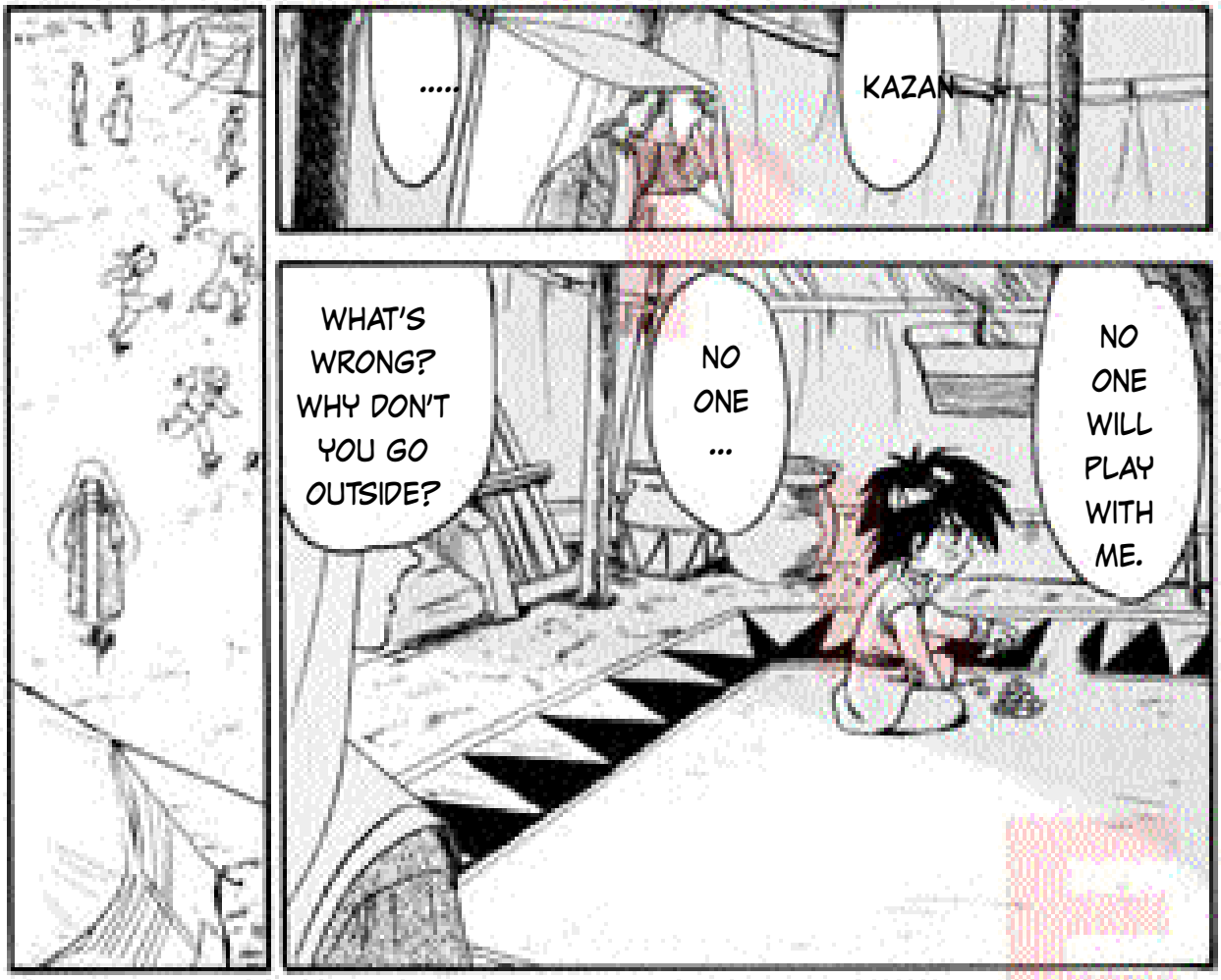
CHPONG
CHPONG
I BEG YOU ...
OH ...
THAT WATER,
BUT YOU CAN NOT HAVE IT FOR FREE.
GO RIGHT AHEAD.
I-I CAN'T GIVE YOU THIS BAG!
I HAVE TO TAKE THE WHEAT IN THIS BAG HOME TO MY VILLAGE.

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING LIKE THAT . . .
...
LET'S SEE,
I'D RATHER HAVE A LIFE.
THE LIFE OF YOUR CHILD WILL DO NICELY.
END OF CHAPTER 8

CHAPTER 6
WIND

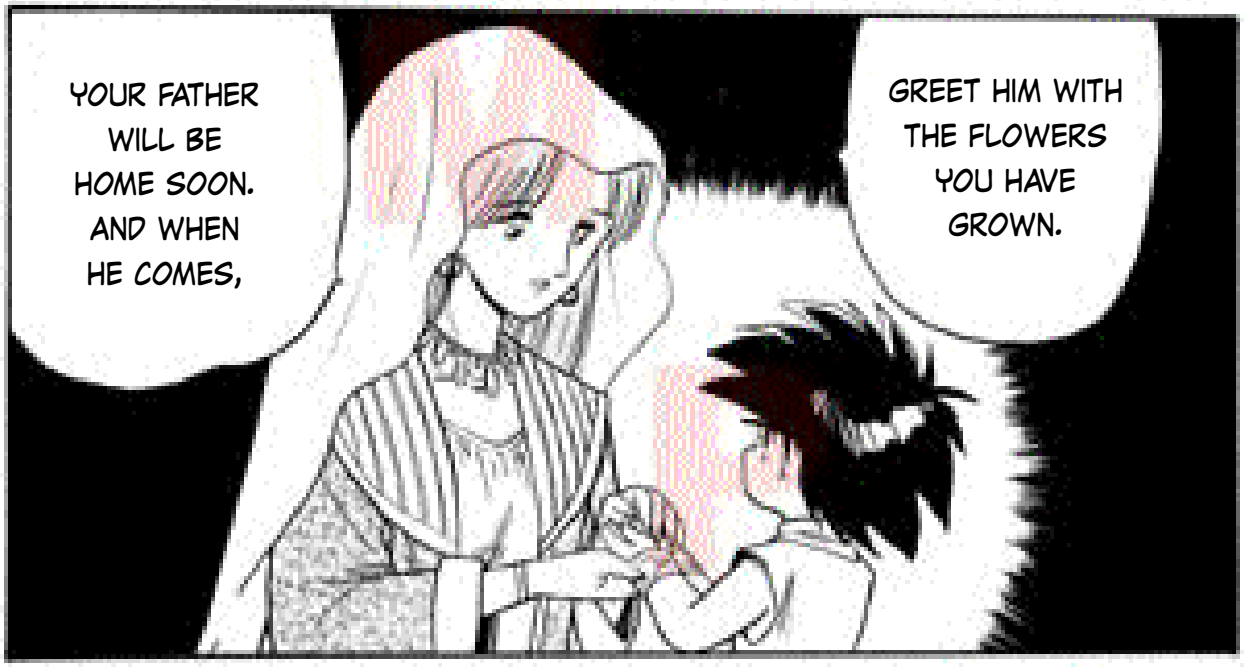

WRING
EVERY-ONE, LISTEN TO ME,
OUR LEADER SHEEROC HAS NOT RETURNED, THOUGH A YEAR HAS PASSED.
MELAC, WHO LEAD US IN HIS ABSENCE, WAS STRUCK WITH A POISONOUS ARROW.
HE IS BEING CARED FOR IN THE OLD WOMAN'S HUT, BUT HE IS STILL GRAVELY ILL.
IF THIS GOES ON,
THE RED SAND WILL FALL TO RUIN.
THERE-FORE . . .


WE HAVE TO DECIDE . . .
WHO WILL LEAD US!
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
RIGHT ?
PAMELA
YES.

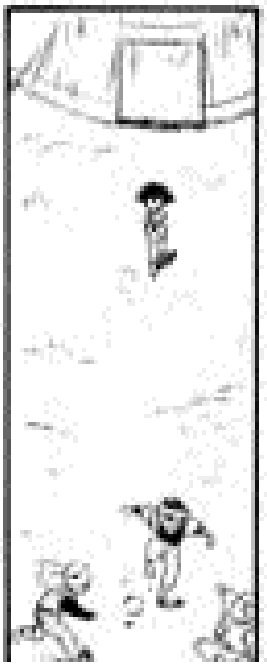

.....
KAZAN
WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DON'T YOU GO OUTSIDE?
NO ONE ...
NO ONE WILL PLAY WITH ME.

DROP

KAZAN.
GO PLANT THESE SEEDS.

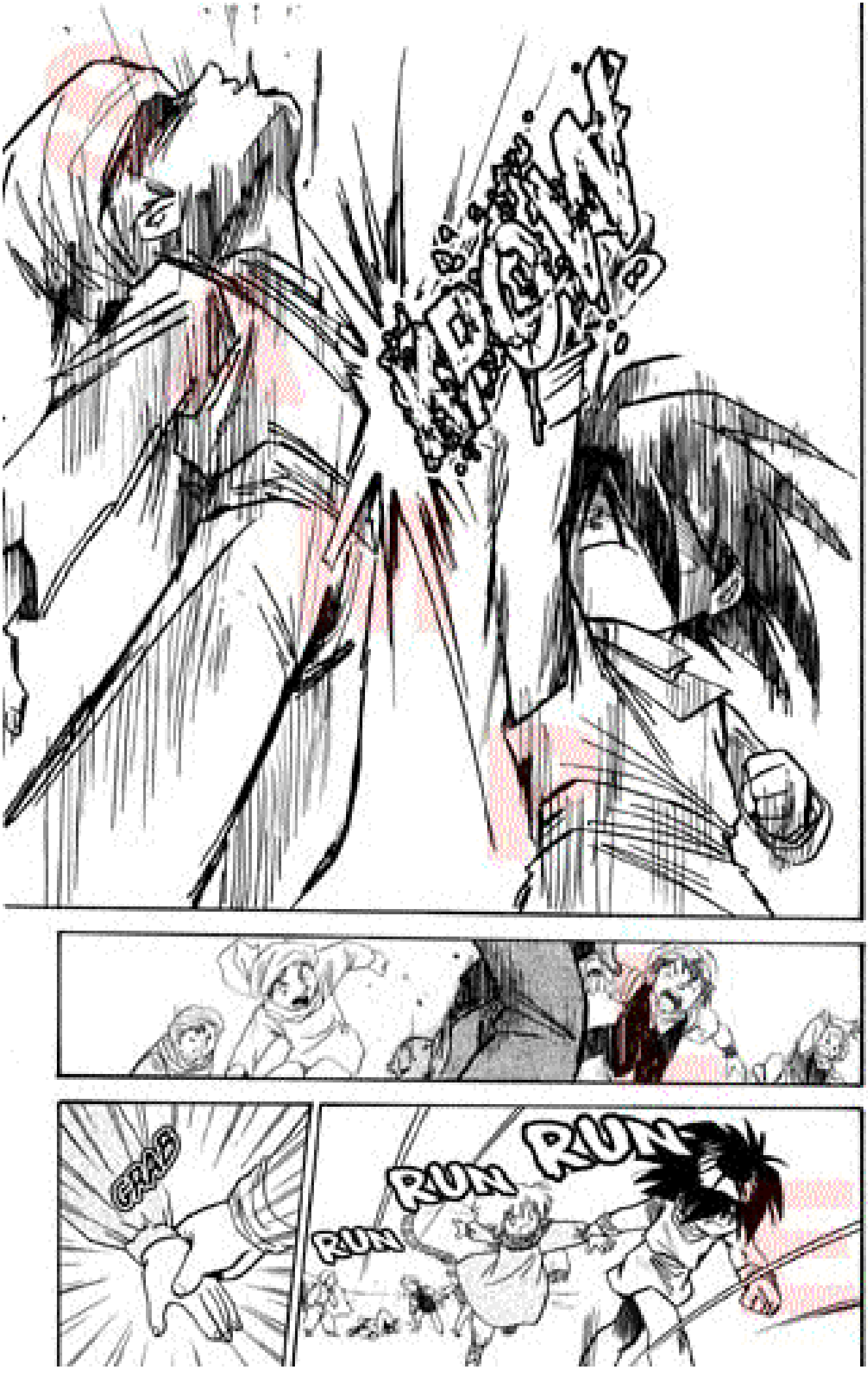

YOUR FATHER WILL BE HOME SOON. AND WHEN HE COMES,
GREET HIM WITH THE FLOWERS YOU HAVE GROWN.

.....
OKAY.



HEY,
IT'S KAZAN !

KICK
ROLL
ROLL
KAZAN!
STOP IT MUTO-RAH!
KAZAN HASN'T DONE ANY-THING TO YOU!
ELSIE, ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH THIS LIAR?
KAZAN IS NOT A LIAR!
HMMPH. THE SON OF A LIAR IS A LIAR, TOO.
SMASH
OOPS!
DID I STEP ON SOME-THING?

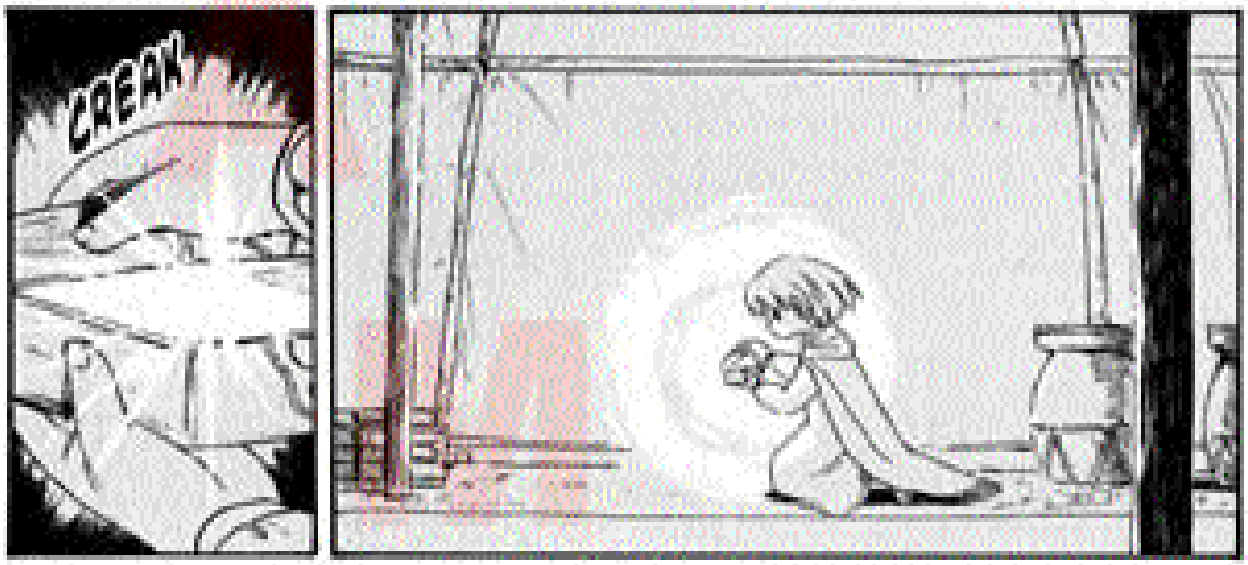

GRAB
RUN
RUN
RUN

WOW
HE'S NEVER HIT ANYONE BEFORE.
KAZAN
KAZAN, KAZAN
THAT WAS GREAT!
YOU WERE SO AMAZING!
IT WAS JUST LIKE ...
YOU WERE SHEEROC !
UG ...
WAAA

THE NEEDLE AND ...
HERE IS THE THREAD ...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
IT'S ALMOST KAZAN'S BIRTHDAY.
I'LL MAKE HIM SOMETHING TO CHEER HIM UP.
HERE WE GO!
I'D BETTER HURRY.
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
HOW ABOUT ...
IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS WATER ...
I WILL TAKE THE LIFE OF YOUR CHILD.
I...I CAN'T GIVE YOU THIS BAG.
I HAVE TO TAKE THE WHEAT IN THIS BAG BACK TO MY VILLAGE.
NO!
YOU CAN'T!
NOT THAT !!

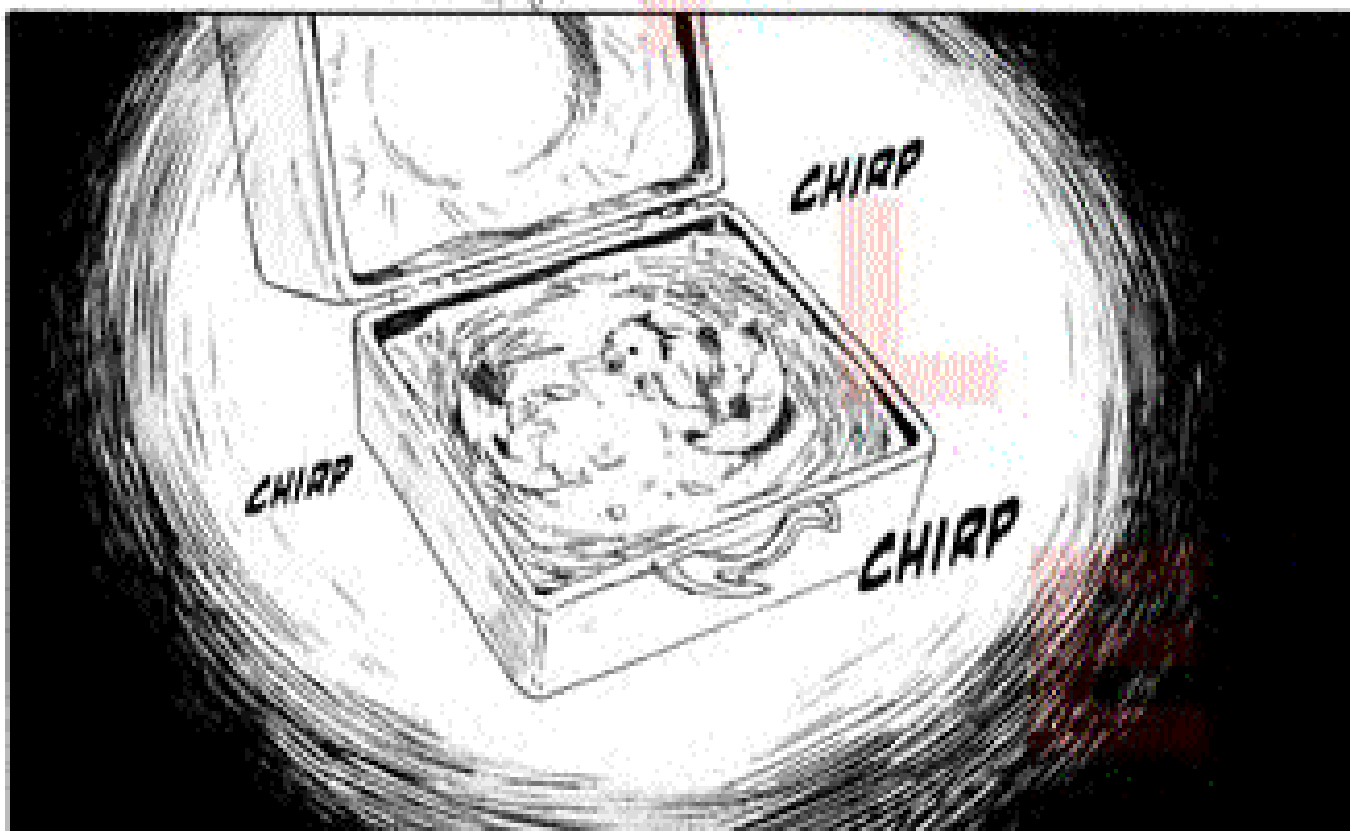
DON'T WANT THE WATER? FINE BY ME.
NOOOH! THE WATER . . .
THESE SEEDS WILL GO TO WASTE!
WELL THEN ...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
YOU CAN JUST SHRIVEL UP AND DIE HERE.
THIS WATER ...
OR THE LIFE OF YOUR CHILD . . .

...
ALL DONE !
JUST FINISHED IN TIME !
THE SEAMS ARE ALL LOOSE, BUT
WHEW !
BY NOW KAZAN WILL BE IN THE FLOWER PATCH AT THE TOP OF THE HILL.
I'LL BRING IT TO HIM.
CRACK
AAAAAAAA



WHEN ELSIE

TURNS 8 . . .

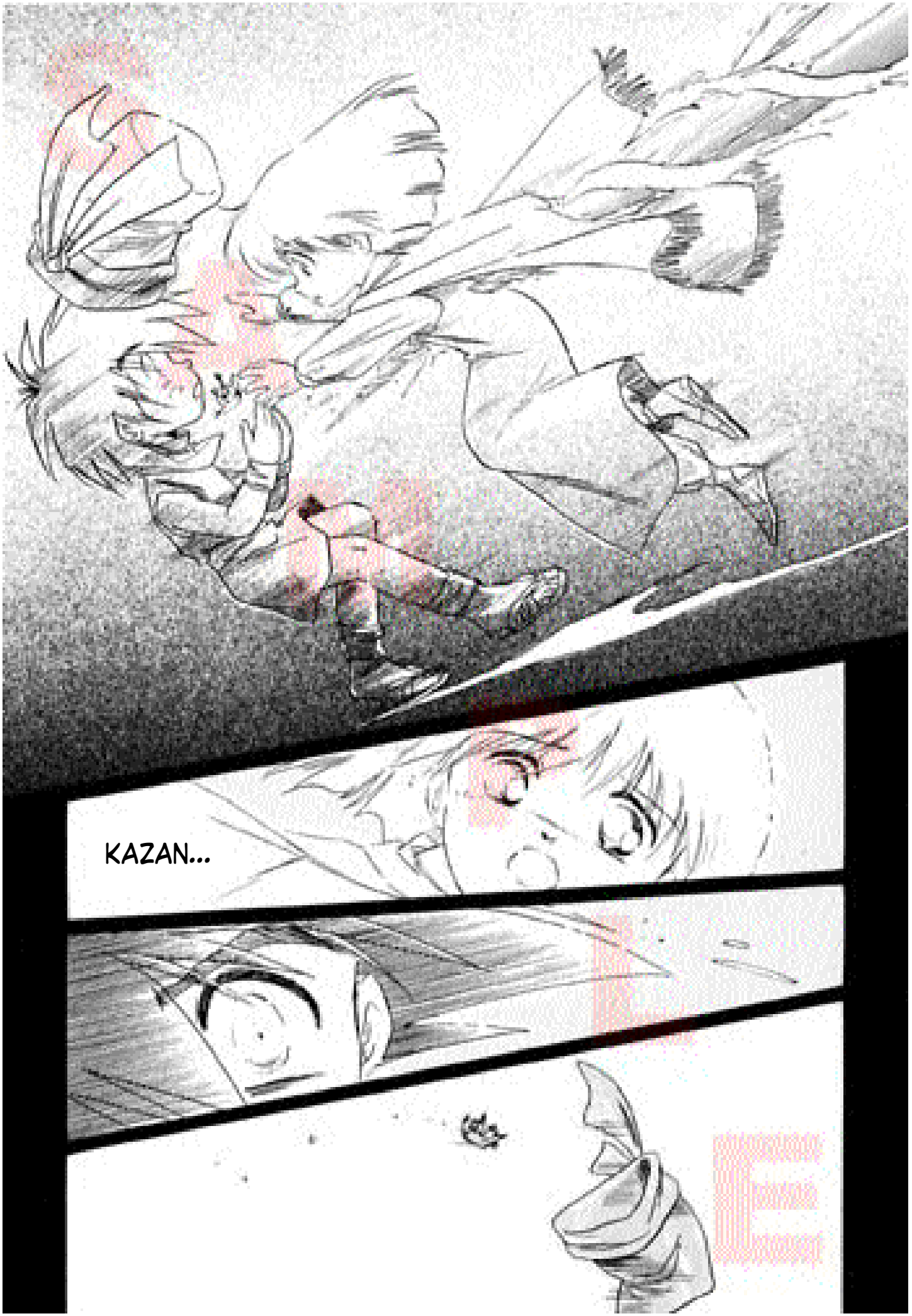


KAZAN
KAZA-AANNN!
ELSIE
WHAT IS WRONG?
HUF
HUF
KAZAN, LOOK!
SEE?
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS KIND OF BIRD BEFORE.
IT'S GOT RED FEATHERS ONLY ON ITS HEAD.
HEY, KAZAN ...
UMM ...
CHIRP-CHIRP

HERE.
HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY!
ELSIE
I MADE IT MYSELF
WHEN YOU GET BIGGER, YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW IN YOUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS AND BECOME THE LEADER OF THE RED SAND, RIGHT?
THE RED HAT IS THE SYMBOL OF A LEADER!
.....
DO I REALLY ?
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WOW, KAZAN, YOU LOOK GREAT!
KAZAN ...
WHIP!
SO YOU ARE KAZAN . . .

WHIP!
WHIP!
WHIP!
WHIP!
WHIP!
HEH HEH HEH
I FOUND YOU.
WHAT . . .
WHO ARE YOU ?
I HAVE COME TO TAKE YOUR LIFE.
KAZAN ...
YOUR FATHER . . .
SOLD YOU TO ME...
FOR THIS SINGLE CUP OF WATER.

SPLASH
WATER ?
FROM HIS HAND...
.....
FATHER ...
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
MY FATHER
SOLD ME ?
KAZAN, WATCH OUT!!

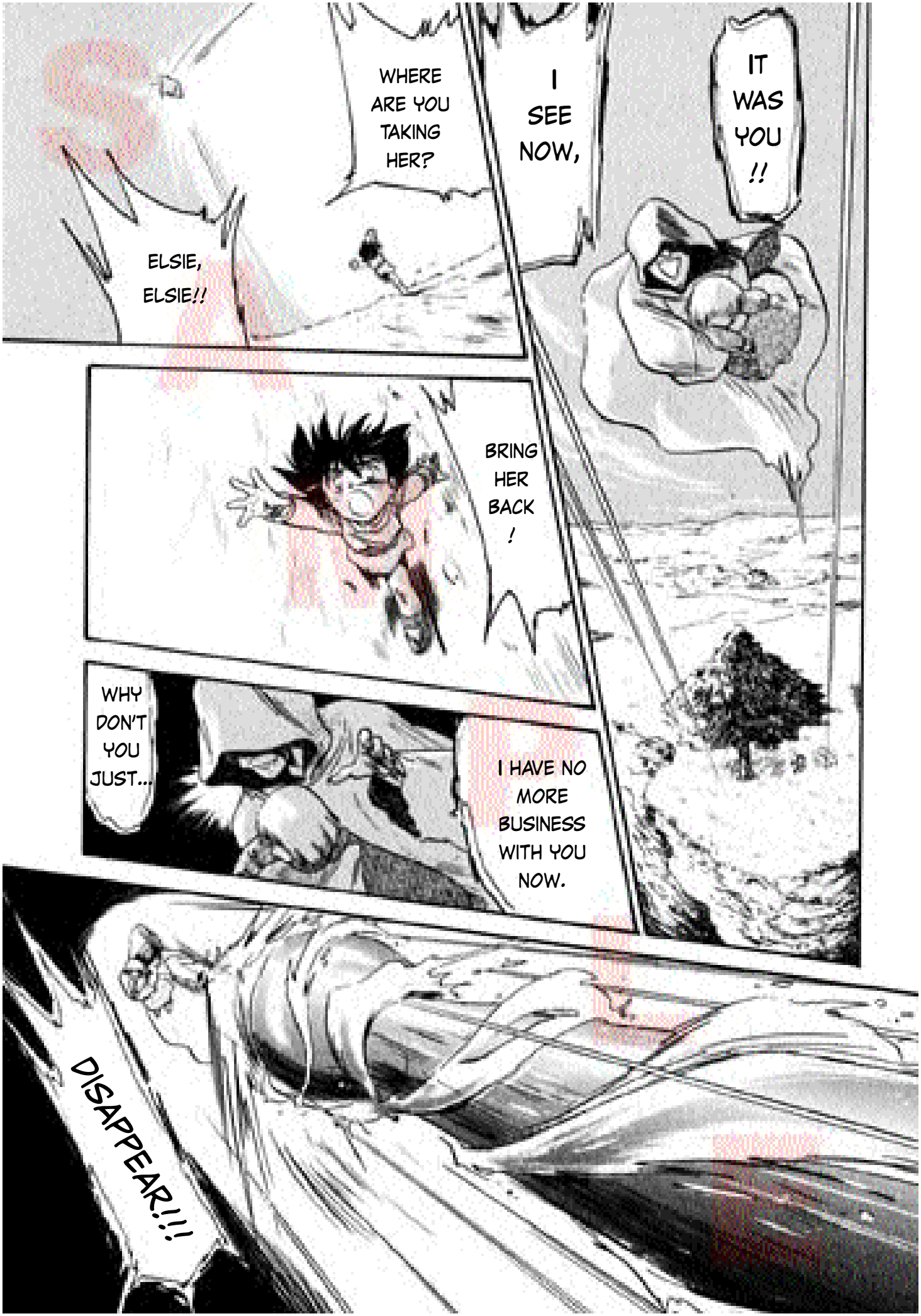

KAZAN...

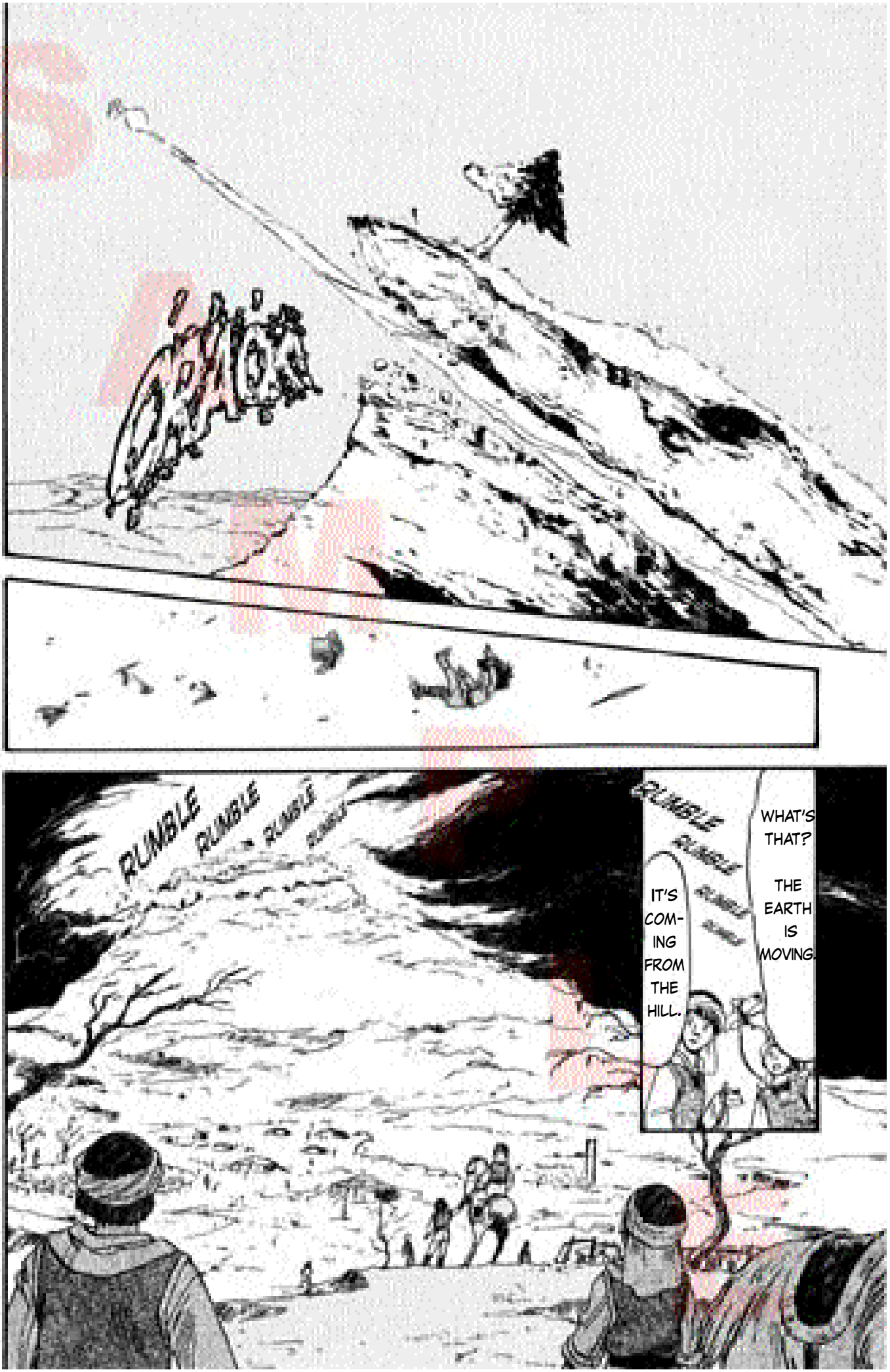
SLUMP
OH
DAMMIT!
SHE GOT IN THE WAY
MY . . .
NOOO !!

EEEEE!
GRAB

YOU'RE THE ONE I HAVE BUSINESS WITH, KAZAN!
I'M GETTING ANNOYED NOW!
ELSIE !
ELSIE!! ELSIE!!
THIS TIME . . .
I WILL NOT MISS!
KZAK

KA
...
KA
...
ZAN
IS
THAT
HOW
IT IS
?
WELL
WELL.


ELSIE, ELSIE!!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER?
I SEE NOW,
IT WAS YOU !!
BRING HER BACK !
WHY DON'T YOU JUST...
I HAVE NO MORE BUSINESS WITH YOU NOW.
DISAPPEAR!!!


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
IT'S COM-ING FROM THE HILL.
WHAT'S THAT?
THE EARTH IS MOVING.

WHOO'SH
WHOO'SH
WHOO'SH
LANDSLIDE!!
rumble
rumble
rumble
rumble
rumble
rumble
WAAH!
KYAII!

... AFTER THAT
WHOOO
THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT.
ONLY THE WIND, BLOWING OVER THE EMPTY LAND.
WHOOO
WHOOO

MOTHER!
MOTHER!
MUTORAH!
ANYONE!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
GRAB
SCRATCH
HAA
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HAA
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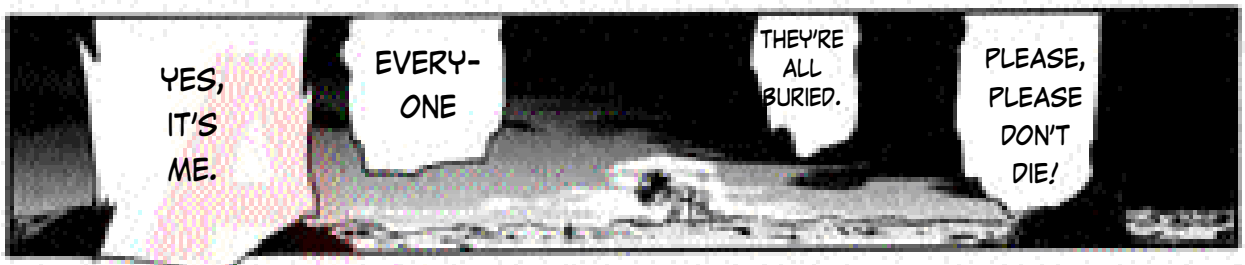
SCRATCH
UNCLE!
UNCLE MELAC!

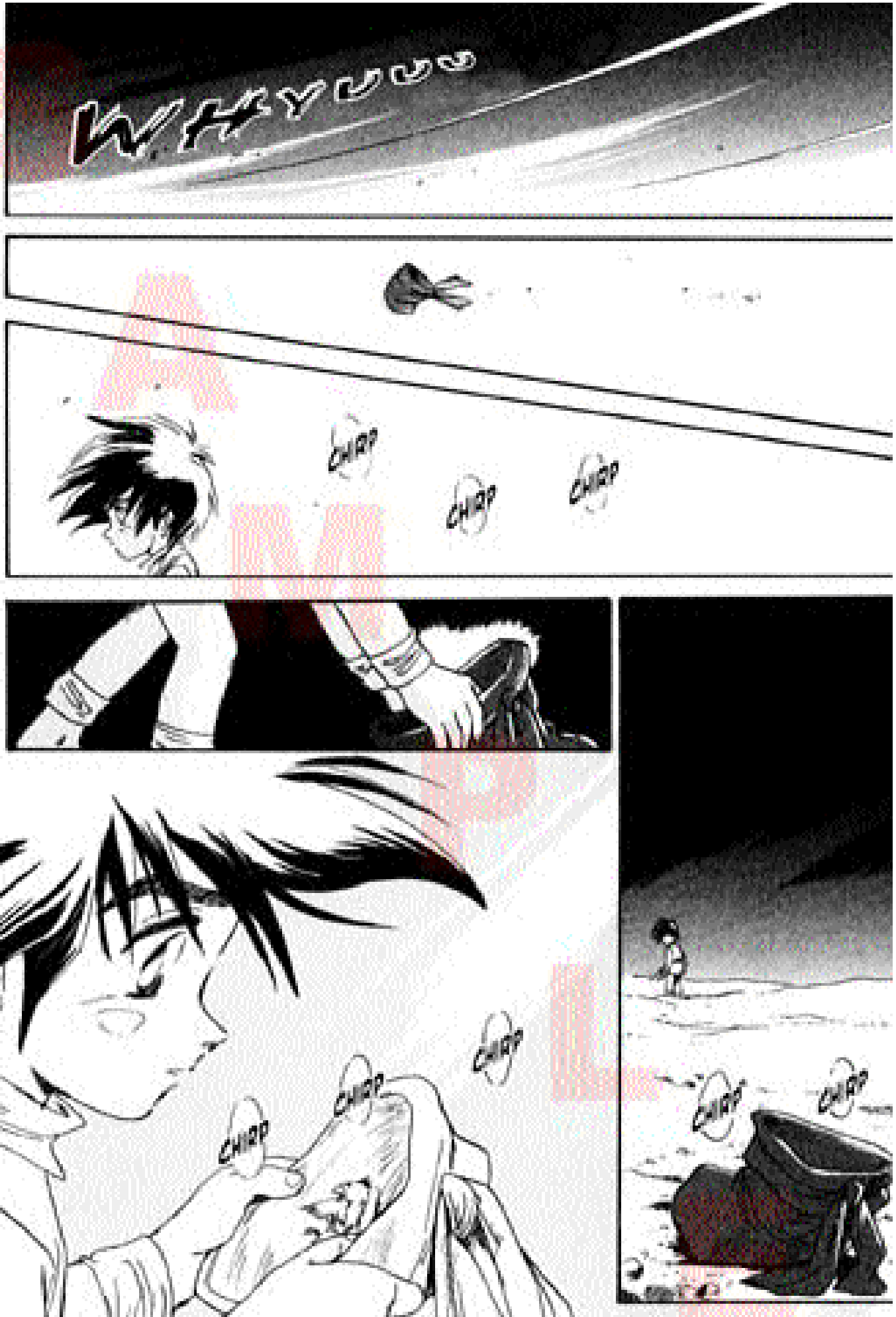
KAZAN, IS THAT YOU ?
KA-


YES, IT'S ME.
EVERY-ONE
THEY'RE ALL BURIED.
PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T DIE!

EXHAUST!

KAZAN...
TAKE THIS ...
E...

ELSIE...
PLEASE PROTECT HER FOR ME.
MELAC...
ELSIE...
P-
PLEASE.


Whyyyy
CHIRP
CHIRP
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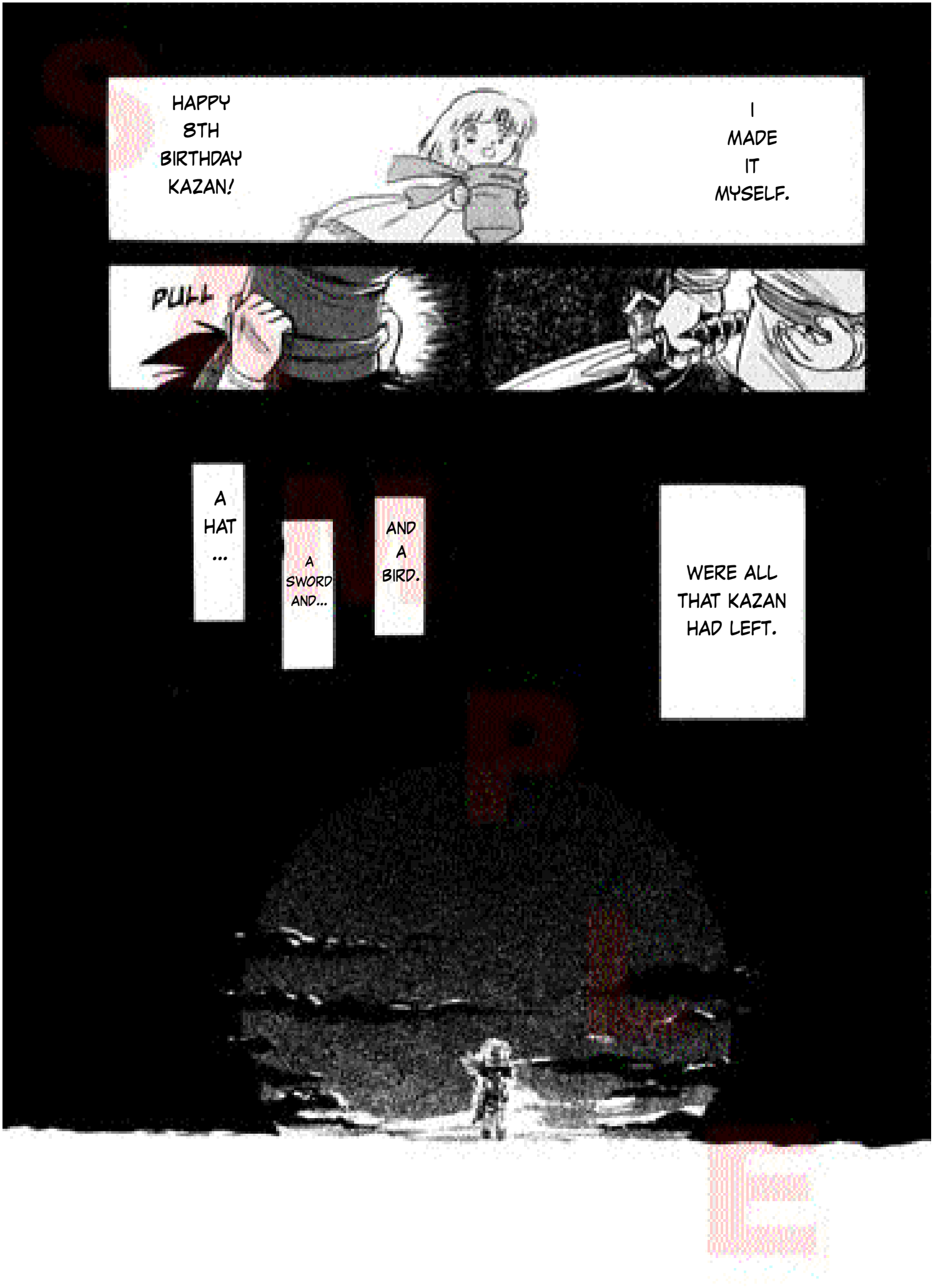
CHIRP


HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY KAZAN!
I MADE IT MYSELF.
PULL
A HAT ...
A SWORD AND...
AND A BIRD.
WERE ALL THAT KAZAN HAD LEFT.

END OF CHAPTER 6

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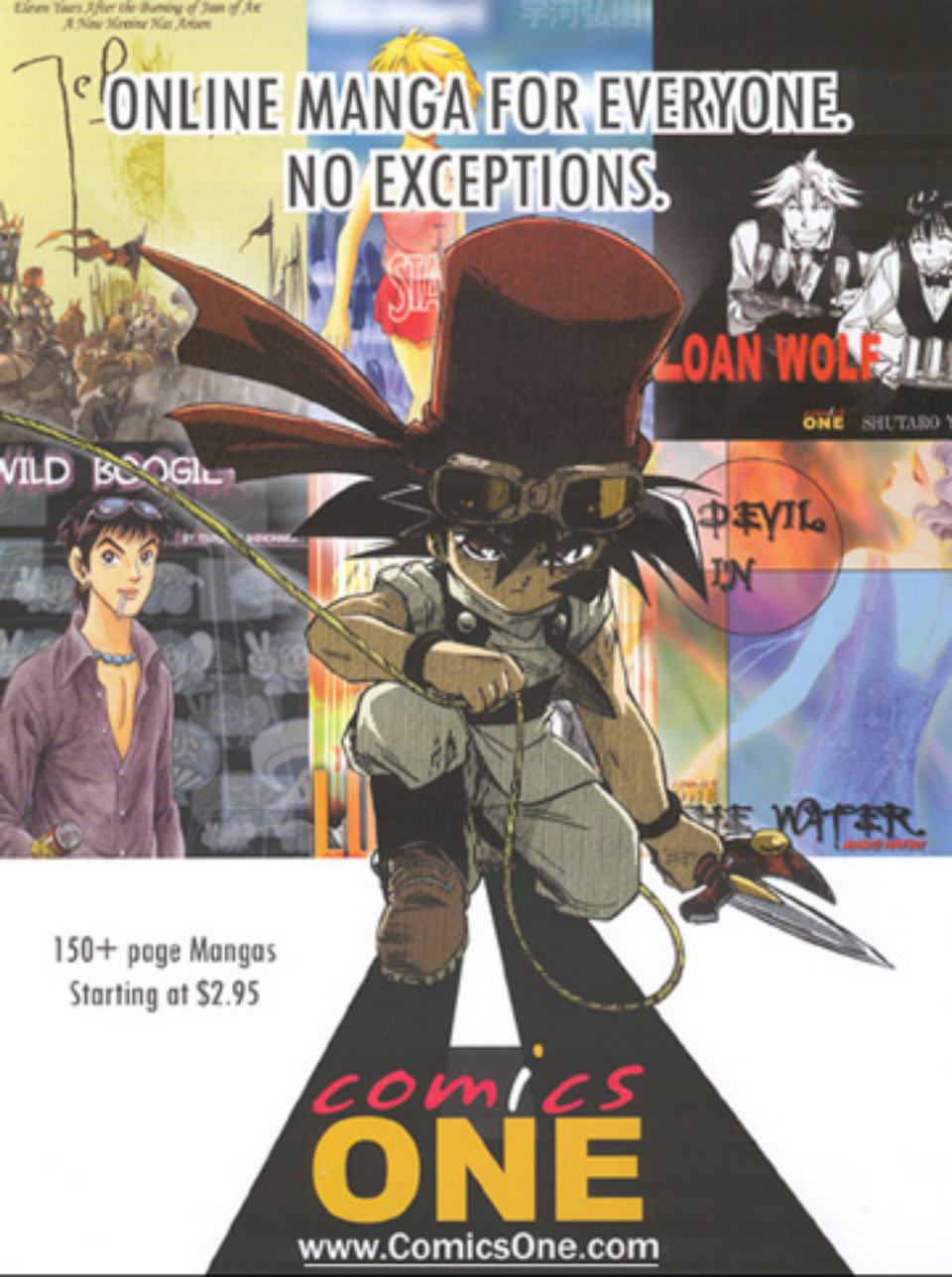
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